

OBJECTIVES of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California:

- To enlighten and enrich self-worth and self-esteem of African Americans through genealogical research and interest.
- To promote interest in genealogy, biography, and related history among African Americans.
- To supplement and enrich the education of African Americans through the collection, preservation and maintenance of African American genealogical materials.
- To promote the accumulation and preservation of African American genealogical and related historical materials and make such material available to all.
- To promote and maintain ethical standards in genealogical research and publications.

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Meetings are held the *third Saturday* of every month, at 1:30 pm, at the Oakland Public Library, Dimond branch, located at 3565 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, Ca. There are no meetings during the Summer hiatus (July and August). Guests and visitors are always welcome to attend these open meetings. From 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, following the general meeting, we provide one-on-one genealogical training and assistance to members only.

NEWSLETTER

From the Baobab Tree is published quarterly (in March, June, September, and December) by the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and is provided free to all members. Additional copies and past issues may be purchased for \$10.00 per copy.

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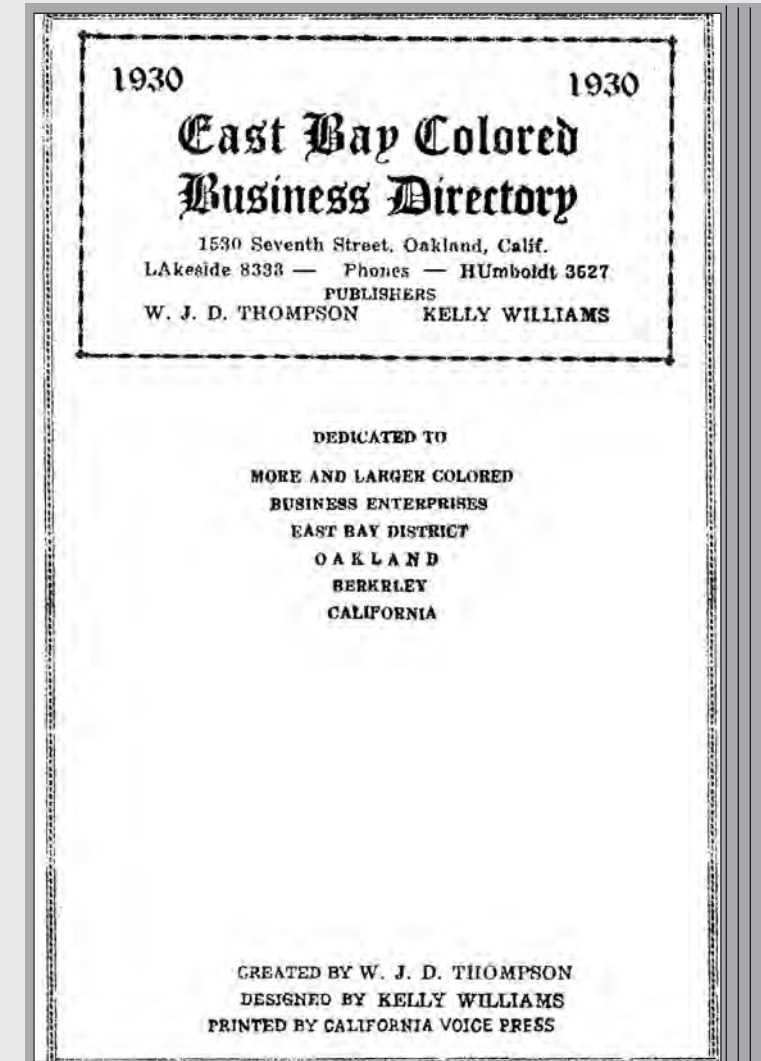
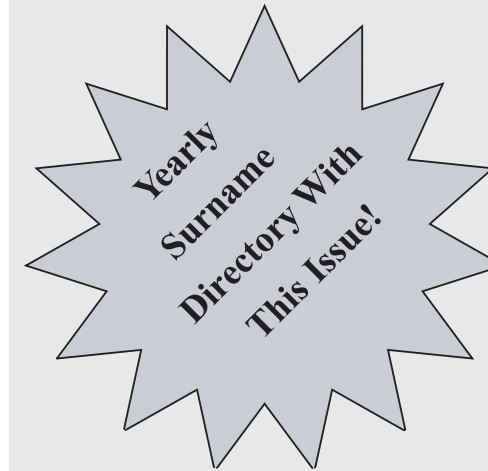


It's Your History ... Isn't it Time You Told Your Story?



From The **BAOBAB TREE**

Quarterly Newsletter of The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California, Inc. Founded 1996



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is the last time that I will write you as President of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California, Inc. (AAGSNC). I would like to take this opportunity to thank AAGSNC members for your support during my presidency. The Society had a fruitful year.

During 2002 the AAGSNC accomplished much. The following lists reflects a few of our activities:

- Protection of AAGSNC's domain name.
- Web site update.
- A Black History Month Celebration on Family History Fundamentals.
- Field trip to the LDS Oakland Family History Center.
- Participation in the 2nd Annual West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy, held in Sacramento.
- The "It's Your History... Because One Month Isn't Enough" workshop.
- Re-establishment of the Research Night at the Oakland Family History Center.

Special thanks go to the AAGSNC Board of Directors and committee members who supported our Society during my tenure. You took on many responsibilities that continued AAGSNC's success. It is time now for me to be a member and support the 2003 Board and Society. I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve as AAGSNC's president.

Taking the above concepts into consideration, the Board discussed how to best assure a strong Society for the future. To this end, a motion was made that the Board: (1) suspend the upcoming election of Officers; and (2) in keeping with the terms of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, vote on new Board members at the December meeting, thereby allowing the new Board to appoint Officers in an unhurried fashion. The motion was seconded and passed.

Juliet E. Culliver Crutchfield, Ed.D.
AAGSNC President 2002

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This entire newsletter was created on an Apple Titanium 550 using QuarkXPress, Photoshop, and Excel.
Many thanks to Kay Smith for proofreading, - ED.



JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print)

Date: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Month and Day of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone: () _____

eMail: _____

For Family Memberships only:

Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse's Month and Day of Birth: _____

Membership Categories and Annual Fees

Regular Member (single, 17 and older)	\$ 25.00
Youth (16 and younger)	\$ 15.00
Family (Individual + spouse)	\$ 35.00
Organization	\$ 45.00
Life Membership, Individual	\$200.00
Life Membership, Family	\$300.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make check payable to: **AAGSNC** and mail to
PO Box 27485 • Oakland, CA 94602-0985
OR

you may join the AAGSNC or renew your membership
online at www.aagsnc.org

TELL US ABOUT THE NAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING

SURNAME	State or Province	County or Parish
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If your name, address, or email information has changed recently, please use this form to notify us.

You can purchase your AAGSNC membership online at www.aagsnc.org.
We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa, and PayPal.



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AAGSNC NEWS

2002 New Members

Welcome to the 51 new members who joined the AAGSNC in 2002:

Dorothy Adams	Oakland
Leamond Allen	Chicago, IL
Gwen Booze'	Oakland
Harold Butler	San Francisco
Juan Castille	Berkeley
Marcella Conley	Oakland
Carla Corde	Temecula
Thelma Crump	Folsom
Lisa Daniels	Sacramento
Joyce Douglas	San Pablo
Gloria Edwards	Albany
Sharon Edwards	Foster City
Thelma Elbert	Richmond
Dr. Lois Freeman	Castro Valley
Lenora Gobert	Oakland
Clyde Grimes	Oakland
Minnie Grimes	Oakland
Leon Hackett	Sacramento
Karla Hackstaff	Flagstaff, AZ
Carolyn Harper	Hayward
Mary Heidelberg	Sacramento
Loretta Henry	Oakland
Donna Hurts	Oakland
Upperton Hurts, Jr.	Oakland
Herbert Kitchen	Hayward
C. Bruce Lee	Berkeley
Karen Lewis	Berkeley
Ira Lott	San Antonio, TX
James Madden	Berkeley
Melody McGriff	Vallejo
Nina Moore	Oakland
Howard Nixon	San Francisco
Mildred Orozco	Hayward
Bonnie Pannell	Sacramento
Henry Raulston	Union City
Judy Raulston	Union City
David Simmons	Richmond
Emma Simms	Fairfield
Abe Steed	Citrus Heights
Robert Stephens	Antioch
Martha Swisher	Oakland
Nora Tapia	Folsom
Nancy Thompson	Oakland
Harold Washington	Valley Springs
Beatrice White	Hayward
Marilyn White	Inglewood
Delores Williams	Oakland
Edwina Williams	Berkeley
Rosialeigh Wilson	Berkeley
Tolbert Young	Tracy
AAHGS	San Antonio, TX

Research Assistance at the Oakland Family History Center

The Oakland Family History Center (FHC) is located at 4766 Lincoln Avenue. Hours of operation:
Tue - Thur, 10AM - 9 PM
Fri - 10AM - 4 PM
Sat - 10AM - 4 PM

The **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month, from **6-9 PM**, is designated as "Research Assistance Night," where you will find experienced AAGSNC members available to assist you in your genealogical research. In addition ...

EVERY TUESDAY, from **4-9 PM**, Barbara Shepherd-Dunn will be at the FHC to offer assistance.

EVERY THURSDAY, from **1-5 PM**, Electra Price will be at the FHC to offer assistance.

The FHC is served by AC Transit bus route 53.

Holiday Potluck at December Meeting

The next AAGSNC Meeting on **December 21, 2002** will consist of presentations by Jackie Stewart and Gwen Booze', as well as a Holiday Potluck.

The meeting will be held from 1:30 - 4:00 PM at the Dimond Branch of the Oakland Public Library. Guests are always welcome and we hope to see you there.

Online California Death Index May Be Going Away!!

Due to recent legislation, effective 1/1/03 all online California Birth and Death Index databases must be removed. Those that previously resided at Rootsweb.com have already been removed, and the only remaining database resides at Ancestry.com, in the subscription-only area. **We recommend you do the following:**
1) If you don't have an Ancestry.com

subscription, sign-up for a **free** 2-week trial membership;
2) Go to the *California Deaths 1940-1997* database and do a search of the surnames you desire. You can search by surname only, and you can also add a keyword (i.e. "Texas") to limit your search.

A surname-only search will return all deaths of people by that surname as well as those who had either parent with that surname. If you use a keyword to input a state, your search will return those who were born in that state.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT. As of this writing, Ancestry says their databases will not be affected, but in case this information is incorrect, we recommend you act quickly.

Election Procedures Revised

The AAGSNC Board of Directors met on November 23, 2002 and reviewed the election procedures in our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Based on additional examination of these, some interesting items were noticed, including but not limited to the following:

- Officers and Members of the Board of Directors may be distinct.
- The Board of Directors has the primary decision making power and may appoint all Officers of the Society.
- Board members shall hold office until the annual meeting for election of the Board of Directors and until his or her successor is elected.
- The same person may hold any number of offices except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve as President or Chairperson of the Board.

Taking the above into consideration, a motion was made that the Board:
(1) suspend the upcoming election of Officers; and (2) in keeping with the terms of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, vote on new Board members at the December meeting, thereby allowing the new Board to appoint Officers in an unhurried fashion. The motion was seconded and passed.



AAGSNC 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California, Inc. was founded in 1966 and is a nonprofit organization qualifying under provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. AAGSNC was incorporated in the State of California on October 28, 1998. The Society's goals are to preserve and promote the study of genealogical and historical records relating to African American ancestry. The Society's objectives and purposes are listed on this newsletter's back cover.

Members have access to information and resources to aid their research. Society membership is open to all interested researchers. Information and resources are provided in part through monthly membership meetings, the Society's quarterly newsletter, and the AAGSNC website at www.aagsnc.org.

Monthly meetings may include guest speakers, workshops, and seminars. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to network with members and others interested in genealogical research. The newsletter includes tips for beginners, how to articles, member success stories, family history information, transcription and extraction of historical documents, and other valuable research sources and information. The AAGSNC website provides a wealth of general resources for anyone with an interest in genealogy.

The detail of financial information presented

herein is entitled "Register Report by Quarter." This information has been prepared on a cash accounting basis. Membership dues are recorded as revenue when received, as are other categories of funds, e.g., donations and the sale of books and memorabilia.

As of 13 January 2002, the AAGSNC Treasury's opening balance was \$10,166.48. Significant income categories for the year include membership dues, an anonymous member donation, the sale of membership-donated books and merchandise, and workshop registration fees. Significant expenses for the year include awards and recognition, the donation to the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) of the entire 1930 California federal census, postage, newsletter expenses, stationery, and catering for the "It's Your History.... Because One Month Isn't Enough" workshop. As of the writing of this report the AAGSNC Treasury's ending balance is \$8,275.40.

The year 2002 was a strong program year for AAGSNC. Some major accomplishments include:

- Continuing a sophisticated online presence. The Web site was redesigned and there have been 135,716 web site hits to date.
- Maintaining the professional content and layout of the Society's newsletter, *From the Baobab Tree*. The number of

individuals expressing an interest in AAGSNC's newsletter continues to grow.

- Compiling and maintaining an accurate membership database. We have currently a total of 162 members. Among these are individual, family, and organizational members.

The above list is a sample of AAGSNC's accomplishments for 2002. It has been through careful planning and budgeting that the Board has been able to implement new ways to offer programs and services without increasing membership fees.

INCOME	
Membership Dues	2556.21
Other Income	2867.91
Total Income	5424.12
EXPENSES	
Awards & Recognition	92.56
Education/Programs	2900.28
Donation	2035.00
Fees	20.00
Merchandise for Sale	558.70
Newsletter	315.60
Post Office Box	55.00
Postage - General	538.69
Postage - Newsletter	410.97
Supplies	27.00
Website	361.40
Total Expenses	7315.20
Balance Forward	10166.48
Ending Balance	8275.40

ANCESTOR FOUND ON THE INTERNET

... By JULIA LOCKERT BAKER

In my search for information about our family origins and ancestors, my brother, Eddie B. Lockert, Jr., while assisting me, discovered this information about our uncle, Aeolian E. Lockert of Nashville, TN on google.com (search engine). We were very excited at the discovery and even more elated when we learned that he was listed among some of the early pioneer African-Americans who attended Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI), history of which we had no prior knowledge. He died in Nashville in 1977 at the age of 80.

He was an educator and a principal in the Nashville Public School System and it is his mother, my grandmother, Julia Level whom I am trying to research as we have very little information about her, only a photo. As a novice of genealogy research, this discovery of her first born has encouraged me to continue my search and convinced me that this can be a rewarding pursuit.

AEOLIAN EDWARD LOCKERT, Class of 1926, came to Michigan State from Clarksville, Tennessee. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.



From "The African American Presence at MSU" (<http://www.msu.edu/unit/msuarhc/africanpresence1.htm>)

OCTOBER

Oct 1 - 11

10 Day Fall Foliage/Genealogy Cruise, California Genealogical Society, depart Boston, MA (includes tour to Nova Scotia, destination of thousands of former U.S. slaves who later became Black Loyalists). URL: www.allcruise.com/promo_hosted.htm

Oct 18 3rd Annual West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy, California African American Genealogical Society, Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles, CA Contact: Marjorie Higgins • Mhigg71503@aol.com

Oct 18 AAGSNC - NO MEETING THIS MONTH. We encourage all of our members to attend the *Summit* in Los Angeles. We will have group rates to take Amtrak down to Los Angeles. Watch your newsletter and our website for more information. www.aagsnc.org.

Oct 23 - 26 AAHGS Annual Conference "Connecting the World Through Our Shared History" Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. URL: www.rootsweb.com/~mdaahgs

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Calendar courtesy of www.timeanddate.com

2003 U.S. Holidays

JAN 1 - New Year's Day 20 - MLK, Jr. Day	MAY 11 - Mother's Day 26 - Memorial Day	OCT 13 - Columbus Day 31 - Hallowe'en
FEB 14 - Valentine's Day 17 President's Day	JUN 15 - Father's Day	NOV 11 - Veteran's Day 27 - Thanksgiving
APR 18 - Good Friday 20 - Easter Sunday	JUL 4 - Independence Day	DEC 25 - Christmas Day
	SEP 1 - Labor Day	



2003 GENEALOGICAL CALENDAR

SELECTED GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL EVENTS

Regular Meetings of West Coast Black Genealogical Societies

- **African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC)** - Oakland, CA
3rd Saturday of each month, 1:30 PM, Oakland Public Library, Dimond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland, CA.
No meetings July or August
website: www.aagsnc.org
- **African American Genealogy Society of Sacramento, California (AAGSSC)** - Sacramento, CA
2nd Saturday of each month, 1:00 PM, Sacramento Public Library, Arden-Dimick Branch, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA
website: www.aagssc.org
- **Black Genealogy Research Group (BGRG)** - Seattle, WA
1st Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM, Seattle Public Library, Douglass-Truth Branch, 23rd and East Yesler Way, Seattle, WA.
Contact: Edith Giles • emgiles1@aol.com
- **California African-American Genealogical Society (CAAGS)** - Los Angeles, CA
3rd Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM MLK, Jr. United Methodist Church, 6625 - 4th Avenue, Los Angeles, CA.
lam.mus.ca.us/africa/america/caags/
- **Las Vegas/Westside African American Genealogical Society (LVWAAGS)** - Las Vegas, NV
3rd Saturday of each month, 1:30 PM West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd, Las Vegas, NV.
Contact: Donnell White (702) 646-9836
- **Orange County African American Genealogy Society (OCAAGS)** - Orange, CA
4th Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM
LDS Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba St., Orange, CA
Contact: Vanessa Schatz (714) 544-9096 • bfly@sbcglobal.net
- **Sacramento African American Genealogy Group (SAAGG)** - Sacramento, CA
3rd Saturday of each month, 1:00 PM, Sacramento Public Library, Colonial Heights Branch, 4799 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA.
Contact: Barbara Tyson • tysonski@aol.com
- **San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group (SDAAGR)** - San Diego, CA
2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM
Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov, meetings held at the San Diego Public Library, Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St., San Diego, CA.
Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec., meetings held at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA
Contact: Margaret Lewis (619) 262-5810 • ibemarti@aol.com

FEBRUARY - Black History Month

Feb 28 - Mar 1
34th Annual Genealogical Jamboree and Family History Faire, Southern California Genealogical Society, Pasadena, CA Contact: (818) 843-7247
URL: www.scgsgenealogy.com/Jamboree2003.htm

MARCH

Mar 21 - 23
13th Annual African American Family Reunion Conference & Exposition, Columbia, MD
Contact: Dr. Ione Vargus (215) 204-6244
Vargus@vm.temple.edu
URL: www.pathfinderstravel.com/famreunion02.html

Mar 22
Discover Your Roots - Seattle Black Genealogy Group in concert with the LDS, Seattle, WA
Keynote Speaker: Reginald Washington
Contact: Edith Giles • emgiles1@aol.com

APRIL

Apr 5 *Grey County Black History Event*, Durham, Ontario, (formerly known as "The African Canadian Genealogy Conference"), Grey County Archives, Durham Arena
Contact: Karin Foster • archives@greycountry.on.ca

MAY

May 20 *Emancipation Day - 140th Anniversary*

JUNE

Jun 19 *Juneteenth Anniversary*

AUGUST

Aug 1 *Emancipation Day - Observed (Canada)*

Aug 30 - Sep 1
Homecoming Celebration
Buxton National Historic Site & Museum, N. Buxton, Ontario.
URL: www.ciaccess.com/~jdnewby/homecomi.htm



MARRIAGES OF PEOPLE OF COLOR DE WITT COUNTY TX • 1847-1883



Barbara Shepherd Dunn is the First Vice President and Fundraising Chair of the AAGSNC. While researching her own family's history last year, she decided to extract all of the marriages of free people of color from the counties of De Witt, Gonzales, and Lavaca, TX. Barbara realized that the names of the witnesses were as important as the names of the brides and grooms and rather than going back over the microfilm again and again, it made more sense for her to extract ALL of the

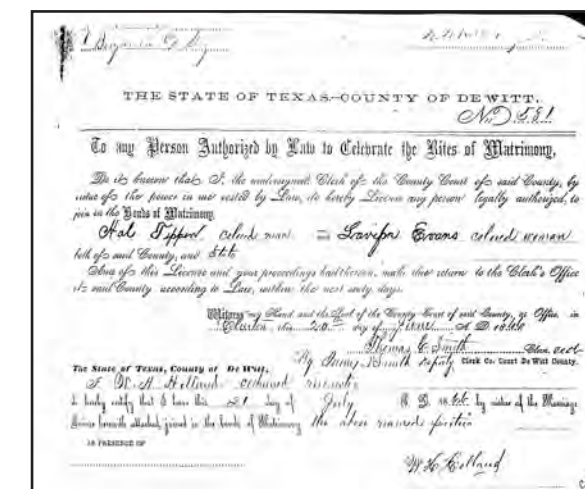
information for the licenses of black folks and keep them for future reference. She has extracted over 1,000 records and is considering writing the local history of the area, in concert with a local Texas historian.

Her family comes from TX, GA, and LA, and she has been researching her genealogy for over thirty years.

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This is the sixth installment of **Barbara Shepherd Dunn's** transcription of the De Witt County, TX marriages of people of color. This installment lists all the colored brides and grooms with surname beginning with the letter "F." These marriages were transcribed from the De Witt County, TX Marriage License General Index, Books C and D, FHL film 1012058.

Groom	License	Page	Bride	Comments
Fennille, Charley	535	148	Maria Thomas	D Pct 2, pp 16, HH 112
Foster, William	780	271	Mary Hobbs	
Foster, Anthony	829	295	Bettie Matthew	
Forrar, Addison	851	306	Linda Mason	D Pct 4, pp 26, HH 164
Friar, Tom	916	339	Mary Houston	
Friar, Richard	1328	107	Celia Walden	
Foster, Jeff	1542	180	Laura Bryant	
Fisher, Daniel	1869	284	Mahala Highsaw	
Fisher, George	2096	360	Nancy Campbell	
Ford, Sam	2162	382	Eliza Still	
Bride	License	Page	Groom	
Foy, Jane	544	153	Peter North	
Foster, Margaret	558	160	Adam Hearn	
Fields, Bettie	555	158	Montford	
Fisher, Flora Ann	644	203	Richmond Shelton	
Fenner, Frances	651	206	William Hill	
Fenner, Octava	723	242	Leinon Weinbish	
Fisher, Rosa	860	310	Willie Pickins	
Fennel, Lizzie	1288	94	Charles Mason	
Fitzgerald, Isabella	1333	109	Cal Williams	
Frisby, June	2106	364	Samuel P. Jones	



Marriage license from DeWitt County, TX, for "Hal Tippen, colored man and Lavipa Evans, colored woman." This marriage license was issued June 20th, 1866 and signed by Thomas Smith, clerk. Their marriage took place the following day and was officiated by W. H. Holland, ordained minister.



WILLIAM B. ROBINSON - "UNCLE WILL"

BY BARBARA A. TYSON

I never knew "Uncle Will." He died in 1932 before I was born. He was the last remaining older sibling of my grandmother, Hattie Robinson Tyson. Uncle Will's presence was there, though, through his large brood of twelve children, left motherless in 1923 when his wife, Lula Atkins, died shortly after giving birth to their child, Hattie Mae. The child also died, after two months.

I knew nearly all of Uncle Will's twelve children. They were a sturdy, robust, large-framed group of brothers and sisters. They seemed to be everywhere around Montgomery county, North Carolina. At least two of the sons, Thomas ("T.A.") and Woodrow, are listed in the Montgomery County Heritage book as serving in WWII. The women were all beautifully copper-skinned, with full features, full hips, and full calves (I, obviously, did not take after the Robinson side of the family).

My grandmother always referred to her brother as "Uncle Will" and spoke of him often. His children all called my grandmother "Aunt Hat" or "Aunt Hattie" and looked to her as a mother figure, since she had helped raise them after their mother died. Some of them lived at the Tyson home from time to time and visited regularly. As far as I know, Elsie ("Jakie"), Nellie, T.A. and Jessie are still living in Candor and Biscoe, N.C.

My sister and brother and I saw them often and played with their children in the fields, in the swamps, on the farm, in the barns, the watermelon patches, the sweet potato rows, and the grape orchards. We ran around barefoot in the sand and brier patches, wearing our playsuits in their hot, dusty yards.

Having seen no photos of Uncle Will, and not recalling any descriptions of him, I only know from his WWI draft registration that he was "medium build, black hair, black eyes," and "blind in one eye." He was 46 years old when he registered at Candor, in Montgomery County, September 12, 1918. At the time, he was working as a farming employee for Parsons and Clark. Uncle Will's death certificate was quite a revelation to me, in

several respects. I had not known that the Robinson family had originated in Richmond County, NC, just East of Montgomery County. Following up on that, I was able to tentatively identify the Robinson slaveholding family. I also had not been certain of my grandmother's parents and I was able to confirm Alex Robinson and Delia Powell as her forebears. I got Delia's maiden name for the first time.

The most startling finding on Uncle Will's death record was the cause of his death: **Pellagra**. I knew that to be a disease of diet deprivation, like scurvy or rickets. The dictionary defines it as "a chronic disease caused by a deficiency of nicotinic acid in the diet and characterized by gastrointestinal disturbances, skin eruptions, and nervous disorders."

A 1998 PBS show on research and science described pellagra symptoms as "confused, hallucinating, going insane." Pellagra's manifestations were seen in reddish, crusty skin. It was seen in poor Southern people, in rural areas, working in cotton fields and textile mills. People's diets consisted of corn, cornbread, mush, fatback, pork, syrup, and molasses. There was a lack of fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk. Pellagra was more prevalent in 1929 than ever, the year the Great Depression started.

On the 1930 US Census (North Carolina), there is Uncle Will, widower, with nine of his twelve children in the household, ages 7 to 22. He is 53 (?) years old, a farmer on a general farm, which he is renting. There is no entry in the column for "value of home or monthly rental, if rented." He and all except the youngest two children were able to read or write.

In *The Hungry Years: A Narrative History of the Great Depression*, T. H. Watkins reported that 25.2 per 100,000 people died of pellagra in the seven cotton states during the Depression (the national average was 2.8). In *South Carolina: A History*, Walter Edgar saw the overproduction in the textile mills in 1928-1929 as contributing to the severe economic woes that followed (North Carolina was another major textile producing state in the

South). "Less money meant a poorer diet, and pellagra appeared in mill villages. Women and children seemed to be particularly susceptible."

Even with a farm and grown sons, Uncle Will was not able to survive the scourges of the time. I recall vividly, however, fields of vegetables and fruits aplenty when we roamed as children on the farm of his son Jakie. He had inherited the land that Uncle Will had rented. It was terrible that it took a war to really get America out of the Depression doldrums and get the Robinsons back on their feet.

To me, the story of Uncle Will and his demise at a relatively young age, is representative of many stories of tenant farmers, mothers worn out from childbearing, large families barely existing during the most difficult economic times in America's history -- our African American families, hardly a couple of generations removed from slavery, once again struggling to survive. To those who didn't, I am here to pay tribute. To their descendants, I say thank you for giving me the rich history that I can share with others today.



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Surname	First	Middle	Maiden	DOB	DOD	Notes
Duncan	Mary	Ann		14-Aug-1955	8-Nov-1993	
Eaton	Monroe			5-Mar-1914	2-Mar-1935	
Erby	Charlie	Marie		6-Dec-1918	1-Apr-1995	son of Wade & Jessie Eaton
Erby	Richard			16-Mar-1909	19-Jun-1975	
Erby	Richard			16-Mar-1909	19-Sep-1978	
Finks	John	Henry		30 MAR 1887	19-Jun-1975	
Finks	Ophelia	W.	Westbrook	20-Aug-1903	2-Nov-1997	no headstone
Finks	John	Henry		2 APR 1914	5 APR 1935	
Fleming	Charlene			9-Sep-1922	7-May-1995	
Fountain	Kerry	Andre		22-Oct-1958	28-May-1975	
Fountain	Hugh	Eldridge, Sr.		27 FEB 1899	6-Jan-1994	
Fountain	Kerry	Andre		22-Oct-1958	29-May-1975	
Furlough	Lovie		Westbrook	1900	1987	No headstone
Furlough	Preston			26-Sep-1906	21-Jan-1989	No headstone
Garrison	Nettie		Briggs	07 DEC 1892	5-Feb-1974	
Gipson	Iris		Fountain	3-Aug-1963	12-Aug-1992	
Goodloe	Charley			16-Mar-1905	1938	
Goodloe	Luther			10-Mar-1905	1939	
Green	D.	H.		XX69	1957	
Green	Evelyn			22-Aug-1910	24-Nov-1985	
Green	Lemuel			1897	1915	
Green	Lennie			1858	1924	
Green	Lesser			5-Aug-1910	26-Dec-1979	
Green	James			1869	9 SEP 1955	
Green	Susie			23 MAY 1870	13 JAN 1943	
Green	Thuna			22-Feb-1905	16 JUL 1964	
Harper	Elva Mrs.	A.		23-Mar-1902	23-May-1956	
Harris	Judy				23-Jun-1952	
Hawkins	Larry	Dean		16-Apr-1950	12-Sep-2000	PVT US Army
Hawkins	Pearlie			1913	1999	Brown FHM
Hawkins	Walter	Lee, Sr.		9-Dec-1912	14-Jan-1983	TEC 5 US Army WW II
Hill	Louis			09 JAN1890	26 JUL 1967	Ark PVT CO A 816 Pioneer
Hitchcock	Jessie			17-Feb-1931	20-Oct-2000	
Hogan	Allena			1913	1982	
Hughes	Fill			1879	1954	
Hunt	Garland			11-May-1920	31-Mar-1947	
Hunt	Velor	Ree	Brandon		22 SEP 1941	
Hunt	Willie			24 JUL1891	2-May-1950	Texas PVT 410 Labor BNOMC WW I



As GenExchange County Coordinator for Dallas County, AR, Jamila Sloan spends a great deal of time finding genealogical information and publishing it either in our newsletter or her own. Her own web page is located at: freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.bom/~sloanja/index.html



BETHEL CEMETERY - CARTHAGE, AR

... TRANSCRIBED BY JAMILA SLOAN



Located down a gravel road, just off the main road in Carthage, AR, the Bethel Cemetery is the final resting place of the great uncle of AAGSNC member **Jamila Sloan**. Ms. Sloan has been doing her family's genealogy since 1998 and publishes a quarterly family newsletter entitled *The Chronicles of the Smith-Sloan Family*.

On a recent trip to her ancestral home in Dallas County, AR, she diligently transcribed the entire Bethel Cemetery. In the Winter 2001 edition of *From the Baobab Tree*, we published Jamila's transcription of the Toones Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery in nearby Tulip, AR. We present this first part of her transcription, to be completed in a future edition of our newsletter.

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Surname	First	Middle	Maiden	DOB	DOD	Notes
Allen	Amons			1886	1-Jul-1967	
Allen	Andres	Columbus, Sr.		3-Jan-1935	2-Feb-1990	
Allen	Leucenda			1892	12 DEC 1965	
Amos	Bill			1885	1967	
Anderson	Irene	B.		16-Mar-1915	21-May-1984	
Bright	Sallie	Jane		1908	1951	
Baugh	Carrie		Brown	1885	1943	
Baugh	Henry			1872	19 JUN 1955	
Baugh	Lewis	E.		1878	12 JAN 1969	
Baughn	L.	D.		1909	2001	Jonson FHM
Baxter	Altha	Mae		5-Jun-1909	5-Jun-1998	
Baxter	Elmo	G.		2081	5-Feb-1993	
Bennett	Edd			10-Feb-1902	12-Jul-1984	
Bennett	Gertha			9-Aug-1906	28-May-1982	
Brandon	Ella		Staten	22 JAN 1894	5-Sep-1934	
Brandon	Henry			1-May-1924	11-May-1994	
Brandon	Mary	E.		27 DEC 1888	16 OCT 1918	wife of Sam Brandon
Brandon	Ruth	Fay	Mitchell	17-Jul-1917		Married to Sterling on 12 Apr 1935
Brandon	Sterling			15-Aug-1915	3-Oct-1995	Double Headstone
Brandon	Sterling, Jr.			25-Oct-1936	4-Oct-1984	
Brandon	J.	V.		22-Jan-1923	19-Aug-1987	
Brandon	Mary	Frances		23-Apr-1932	2-Mar-1990	
Brandon	Sam			1882	1932	
Brandons	George				15 APR 1954	
Briggs	A.	C.				
Briggs	B.	S.		1874	30-Dec-1950	
Briggs	Burl, Rev.					
Briggs	Erm	H.				
Briggs	Vera					
Briggs	George	S.		8-Mar-1928	26-May-1989	MSG US Army Korea/Vietnam
Briggs	Shermon			27 NOV 1920	22 MAY 1944/47	Texas PVT Vet Corps
Coleman	John			1 FEB 1889	1-Nov-1956	Ark PVT CO A 65
Collins	Henry	H.		14-Jan-1921	24-Dec-1980	
Collins	Henry	H. Sr.	Woods	28-Apr-1909	19-Sep-1992	
Collins	Jessie	Mae		28-Apr-1909	19-Sep-1992	
Collins	Willie	Eugene		25-Dec-1945	1-Oct-1999	
Coulter	Lizzie	B.		27 JUN 1876	29 MAR 1964	
Crain	Kattie			1880	16 JUL 1934	
Crain	Selmon			5-Jun-1915	16-Dec-1971	Ark PFC CO 350 Engineers WW II
Crain	Robert			18-Feb-1905	11 JUL 1952	



1930 EAST BAY COLORED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

OAKLAND, CA ... TRANSCRIBED BY LISA B. LEE

"The booklet presents local data. As useful as a comprehensive directory might be, containing information concerning Negroes by state or sectional locations, such a work has not been attempted. But the labor and money expended in such a project would be considerably diminished if the people in the large cities would ascertain the information pertaining to their particular locality. This directory represents the efforts of the people of the East Bay Cities towards such an end." - From the Foreward, 1930 East Bay Colored Business Directory.



Published by W.J. D. Thompson and Kelly Williams, this directory and contains population statistics of the East Bay cities of Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond, along with dozens of display ads and photographs of local businesses, ministers, and individuals. I have not done analysis of these data to determine how many of these businesses survived the Great Depression, nor have I made any attempt to correct suspected misspellings. Nonetheless, it is my hope that this information will help provide valuable genealogical data to those whose ancestors lived in the area. This list contains those businesses from "A" to "L," and the remaining data will be published in future newsletters.

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Surname	First	Company	Address	Phone
Allen	James	Real Estate	2327 San Pablo Ave.	LAKeside 4636
Allen	Jas.	Gardner	1603 Derby St.	BERkeley 6115J
Anderson	E.W.	Insurance	1517 Carleton St.	THornwall 5177
Atkins	S.W.	Plasterer	1530 Lincoln Ave.	ALameda 2443J
Aubert		Billiards	1797 - 7th St.	LAKeside 1532
Baker	Chas.	Mortician	1214 - 8th St.	LAKeside 8776
Baker	Mrs. V. E.	Second-hand clothing	1690 - 8th St.	HOLLiday 1558
Barber	Mrs. Maedell	Cosmetician	790 - 8th St.	LAKeside 6638
Barrios	Ponce	Barber	425 - 8th St.	HOLLiday 6249
Beck		Tailor	2630 San Pablo Ave.	BERkeley 8474
Bentley	Chas. S.	Barber	3609 San Pablo Ave.	Pledmont 4149
Bethel	W. E.	Contractor	1499 Ashby Ave.	THornwall 4938
Bolmer	F. H.	Apartment	1831 Myrtle St.	LAKeside 5696
Borman	J.	Painter	3000 California St.	THornwall 4221
Boucre	Everett	Dancing Instructor	3039 Chestnut St.	HUmboldt 7940
Brackins	Mrs. M. L.	Cosmetician	2103 San Pablo Ave.	LAKeside 2032
Brewer	R. C.	Dentist	3042 Stanton St.	BERkeley 1917-W
Bridges	J. M.	Furniture	720 Market St.	LAKeside 6777
Brown	Mrs. Ceolya	Pres., Mother's Charity Club	485 - 59th St.	OLympic 6771
Brown	L. A.	Notary Public	3279 Market St.	HUmboldt 3284
Brown	L. B.		3010 Ellis St.	BERkeley 7439-J
Brown	W. H. B.	Barber	718 Chester St.	
Busch	O. Roy	Physician	790 - 8th St.	LAKeside 6121
Butler	Walter A.	Real Estate	790 - 8th St.	LAKeside 6121
Byers	W. J. J.	Minister	1330 - 8th St.	LAKeside 9669
Calhoun	Harvey	Real Estate	1021 - 56th St.	OLympic 7148
Calhoun	Mrs. Mable	Florist	1021 - 56th St.	LAKeside 6139
		Carpenter, Tailor	2069 Allston Way	BERkeley 6024
Carter	L. D.	Elmhurst Gardens	1015 - 81st. Ave.	SWeedwood 2946
Chandler		Furniture and Express	1607 Park St.	ALameda 3710
Chapman	Miss Lulu	Secretary, YWCA	828 Lindent St.	LAKeside 7175
Claiborne	Dr. C. R.	Dentist	3524 San Pablo Ave.	Pledmont 6934
Coleman	G. C.	Minister	867 - 37th St.	Pledmont 7629



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Surname	First	Company	Address	Phone
Coleman	Wm.	Billiards	1453 - 7th St.	LAkeside 2257
Collins	Miss N.	Pres., Hollier Club	3049 Stanton St.	BErkeley 1808R
Cook	John A.	Employment Agency	517 Willow St.	LAkeside 2467
Craig	Mrs. A.	Thrift Shoppe	3134 Sacramento St.	
Crawfoed	Matt N.	Chiropractor	829 Poplar St.	LAkeside 4430
Daly	E. A.	Publisher	2624 San Pablo Ave.	LAkeside 0069
Davis	Edith	Beauty Cult.	Market St. and 36th	PIedmont 0388
Davis	Mrs. Jeter	Music Teacher	944 - 35th	PIedmont 4890-W
Deane	W. A.	Insurance	1230 - 8th St.	LAkeside 5561
Dean	Miss. Ruth E.	Music Teacher	847 - 35th St.	PIedmont 2226
Dellums	C. A.	Supervisor, BSCP	517 Wood St.	LAkeside 0144
DeVaughn	O. W.	Physician	1156 - 7th St.	LAkeside 7149
Drake	John D.	Attorney	721 - 38th St.	PIedmont 6514-J
Duncan	J. A.	Minister	2703 California St.	
Duncan	S. J.	Real Estate	2327 San Pablo Ave.	LAkeside 4636
Duhart	P. D.	Tailor	1491-1/2 - 7th St.	LAkeside 4332
Dykes	Emmett	Toilet Articles	1321 Center St.	
Eason	Mrs. Maggie	Hairdresser	1333 Carrison St.	THornwall 5269
Edwards	Thos. A.	Barber	3429 San Pablo Ave.	PIedmont 7353J
Edwards	J. T.	Tailor	3852 West St.	PIedmont 8211J
Ellis	Dad	Bootblack	1715 - 7th St.	
Elmore	David	Radio Salesman	3009 Ellis St.	BErkeley 2160
Faulkner	C. B.	Notary	1121 - 5th Ave.	GLencourt 2977
Fedee	Miss E.	Music Teacher	1624 - 12th St.	HIGHgate 0190
Flutcher	J. E.	Minister	831 Chester St.	OAKland 2085
Foney	Mme. G.	Beauty Cult.	1480 - 8th St.	LAkeside 2297
Foster	James	M. D.	1480 - 7th St.	OAKland 3853
Gardner	Wm.	Express	618 - 36th Ave.	FRuitvale 3823R
Gauntier	A. D.	Clothes Cleaner	1603 Ashby Ave.	
Garnett	Q. G.	Billiards	1716 - 7th St.	
Garnett	Mrs. M. L.	Music Teacher	3026 Stanton St.	BErkeley 9372
Gentry	M. L.	Contractor and Carpt.	2738 Acton St.	THornwall 6829
Goff	Armour	Barber	1704 - 7th St.	LAkeside 1180
Gordon	W. A.	Attorney	University	
Grantham	T. H.	Dentist	812 Broadway	HOLLiday 4753
Gray	E. B.	Real Sstate	223 Blake Bldg.	LAkeside 0167
Gray		Fuel	536 Lewis St.	LAkeside 1522
Green		Express	956 - 36th St.	HUMBoldt 8617
Greer		Paperhanger	1436 - 11th St.	LAkeside 7029
Hackett	P. L.	Express	1617 Park St.	ALameda 0614
Hamilton	V. C.	Physician	3524 San Pablo Ave.	PIedmont 6934
Harris	B. F.	Soft Drinks	1479 - 7th St.	HOLLiday 8921
Harrison	S. W.	Minister	836 - 33rd St.	HUMBoldt 6387
Hill	J.	Barber	567 Center St.	
Hogan	Mrs. Anna	Modiste	1055 - 56th St.	OLympic 2698
Holston	Mrs. C.	Cosmetician	1382 - 8th St.	LAkeside 1552
Hoskins	J. R.	Haberdasher	1781 - 7th St.	LAkeside 5580
Howard	W. S.	Real Estate	714 Market St.	LAkeside 4237
Hubbard	J. P.	Minister	3017 Dohr St.	THornwall 7091

Hudson	L. M.	Mortician	953 - 8th St.	OAKland 1524
Hunigan	B. N.	Life Insurance	790 - 8th St.	LAkeside 6566
Hurd	Mrs. L. W.	Cosmetician	1284 - 8th St.	OAKland 6938
Hylton	H.	Haberdasher	7th and Wood Sts.	LAkeside 5105
Jackson	J. E.	Furniture	4736 - E. 14th St.	FRuitvale 0905
Jackson	Mrs. H. E.	Pres., Woman's Prog. Club	770 - 8th St.	LAkeside 0583
Jackson	Cal	Auto Mech.	547 Union St.	LAkeside 3439
Johnson	E. D.	Contractor and Carp.	1409 - 11th St.	LAkeside 5174
Johnson	Geo. M.	Attorney	2509 Durant Ave.	BErkeley 0158
Johnson	J. J.	Barber	1119 - 36th St.	
Johnson		Billiards	1797 - 7th St.	LAkeside 1532
Johnson	W. M.	Housecleaning	673 - 35th St.	PIedmont 2794J
Johnson	Mrs. Lucy	Pres., F. J Coppin Club	1534 Ashby Ave.	BErkeley 5184W
Johnson	H. T. S.	Minister	849 Poplar St.	LAkeside 7374
Johnson	R. B.	Billiards	3007 Sacramento St.	BErkeley 4450
Johnson	Sargent	Sculptor	2777 Park St.	BErkeley 3098W
Johnston	Louaida	Cosmetician	2327 San Pablo Ave.	LAkeside 1286
Johnston	J. W.	Photographer	1664-1/2 - 7th St.	HIGHgate 4143
Jones	Mrs. Della	Confections	3601 San Pablo Ave.	PIedmont 9584
Jones	Mrs. Eva	Dressmaker	1505 Union St.	OAKland 3540
Jones	Mrs.	Restaurant	1510 - 8th St.	
Jones	Mrs. R.	Tea Room	3321 Market St.	PIedmont 4251W
Jones	W. L.	Physician	812 Broadway	HOLLiday 4753
Joseph	E. F.	Photographer	1303 Adeline St.	LAkeside 7965
Kennedy	Mrs. S.	Rooming House	1390 - 8th St.	LAkeside 1039
King	J.	Minister	930 Poplar St.	LAkeside 4665
King	L. C.	Billiards	1755 - 7th St.	LAkeside 7676
Larche	Frank M.	Attorney	1368 - 8th St.	LAkeside 4761
Lawson	W. H.	Grocer	2844 Sacramento St.	
Lee		Fuel	536 Lewis St.	LAkeside 1522
Lee	Mrs. Viola	Secty, Hollier Club	811 Peralta St.	LAkeside 8944
Lewis	Herman J.	Dentist	1370 - 8th St.	LAkeside 2264
Lewis	R. F.	Electrician	1011 - 36th St.	HUMBoldt 4540
Luna	Mme.	Hairdresser	1439 - 13th St.	HIGHgate 1274

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