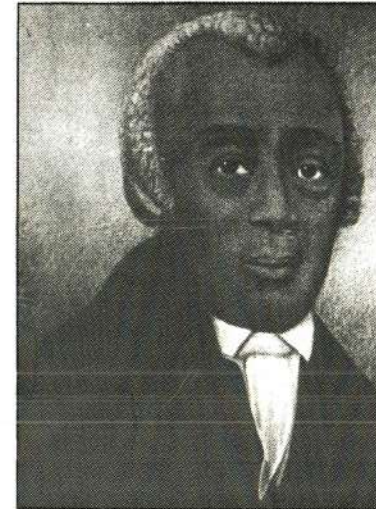


RICHARD ALLEN

1760 - 1831



Founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

1831

160th Anniversary
Bethel A.M.E. Church
Buffalo, New York 14209

1991

FOUNDER'S DAY IN WNY OF AME CHURCHES

Friday, February 15, 1991 — 7 P.M.

Hilton Hotel

The Rt. Rev. Frank C. Cummings, Bishop

Mrs. Martha C. Cummings, Episcopal Supervisor

The Rev. Ernestine M. Ward, Presiding Elder

The Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Pastor

Mrs. Mary Randolph, Gen. Chr. Mrs. Joya Shepard, Celebrations Chr.

Mrs. Garnet Wallace, Vice Chr. Mrs. Sandra Gary, Vice Chr.

*To Rev. White and fellow Co-workers in Christ:
We greet you in the precious name of the Risen Savior!*



Mrs. Cummings and I deem it a pleasure to be with you again in WNY AND THIS TIME AT BETHEL BUFFALO. We bring you greetings from the HEADQUARTERS in Philadelphia.

This significant celebration has a dual purpose and meaning. Your FOUNDER'S DAY and 160th Anniversary will have lasting impressions only if we are prayerfully led by the Master's guiding hand in all we do and say.

God be with you today and always.

Frank Curtis Cummings, Bishop
First Episcopal District

Editor's note: Bishop Cummings is the 95th elected Bishop in the AME Church. He is now at the close of seven years of a possible eight which he is allowed by law to lead us. Your prayers are encouraged for this couple as they complete the work the Lord has given them to do.



Greetings to you Brethren and Sisters of the Faith:

On this memorable occasion I rejoice with you in celebrating "How We Got Over" during the past 160 God-fearing years to reach this significant Founders Day.

We have been abundantly blessed by His grace.

I commend you for your loyalty and stewardship over the years. Remember we gather this evening for the primary purpose of lifting high in praise and thanksgiving our God who has guided us as we chose to follow Him, our Founder who paved the way, and our present Prelate who recognized the tremendous possibilities of AME's in the First Episcopal District.

Western New York is proud of our Bishop Cummings and his queenly wife. To God be the glory for the things He hath done.

*Yours in His Service,
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Pastor*

Presiding Elder Speaks ...

*Greetings to our beloved Bishop and First Lady, Pastor White,
My Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:*



It is my pleasure and a privilege to share in your great celebration of Founder's Day in WNY and Bethel's 160th Anniversary.

You have labored hard and God has blessed your efforts. Your edifice has been beautifully decorated.

Let us continue to pray to keep the spirit of Bishop Richard Allen alive.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

*In Love,
Rev. Ernestine Ward, P.E.*

50 Years and More Membership in Bethel

Alberta Nelson
Charlotte Lewis
Georgia Tillman
Idella Pope
Louella Davis
General Bass
Mary Bell
Hattie Lou Jones
Sarah Hall
Lula Peoples
Dock Gary

Bessie Knight
Willah B. Dubard
Cleon Service
Glowver Knight
Matilda Seamster
Georgia Hinson
Mamie Hayes
Lillian Parker
Pearl Richardson
Florence Leonard
Clara Tate

HONOREES

Captain Marian Bass

Captain Marian Bass is a dedicated member of Bethel AME Church. She is a career police officer in the Buffalo Police Department and is one of only two female NYS Civil Service Captains of Police in New York State.

Captain Bass holds a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the Nelson A. Rockefeller School of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany. She subsequently earned a Master of Science degree in Applied Public Affairs from the State University of New York at Buffalo where she graduated with honors.

Captain Marian Bass is very actively involved in community affairs. She is on the Board of Directors for the State University College at Buffalo Alumni Association, the Erie County Cultural Advisory Council, Erie County Division of Youth Services and Erie County Medical Center's Board of Managers to name a few. Captain Bass was cited for outstanding achievement in law enforcement by Ebony magazine in 1980 and has received numerous other honors for her extraordinary accomplishments throughout her career.

Monroe Fordham, Ph.D.

Dr. Fordham is a member of the Board of Trustees and is very active in the Bethel AME Sunday School Department. As Bethel's resident Historian, Dr. Fordham conducted extensive research which culminated in the development of a history book which chronicles Bethel's proud past. This booklet has proven to be invaluable and remains in the church archives today.

Dr. Fordham is chairman of the Department of History and Social Studies at the State University College at Buffalo. He is a member of the board of directors for the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, and the Buffalo — Erie County Historical Society. Dr. Fordham is also editor of the interdisciplinary journal, *Afro-Americans in New York Life and History*.

Dr. Fordham and his wife Mrs. Freddie M. Fordham received early training in the AME church while residing in native states. They have three adult children.

E. PAUL SMITH

Paul Smith is a lifelong member of Bethel AME church and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees and the Male Chorus. Paul's grandparents, H. Alfred Lewis and Pauline Lewis were well known and respected members of Bethel for many years. They played a very active role in Paul's overall development as a devout Christian and successful businessman.

Paul graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Cum Laude and is currently President of H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Incorporated which has served the Bethel area for nearly 49 years.

Paul is a Philanthropist in his own right and is the vice-chairman for the Church Building Renovation Committee. He has played a principle role in the accomplishment of the significant remodeling which has taken place to date.

Paul is married to Connie Smith, a Bethel member and Director for the Male Chorus. They have two children, Elizabeth Pauline and Paul Jr.

DR. CHARLES ANDERSON

Dr. Charles Anderson is an active member of BETHEL AME CHURCH since 1962. He came to Buffalo in 1960. He has served as a Trustee and has always been generous in his giving. Dr. Anderson donated the Tower CHIMES to the church at a cost of \$3,000 in honor of his family.

He is the proud father of five children; the two youngest are active in the YPD and sing in their respective choirs.

He has offered FREE high-blood pressure check-ups for senior citizens. Dr. Anderson is President of the Medical Group of Western New York and serves as Medical Director of the Erie County Alcohol Rehabilitation Center. He holds an Education AAS from Alfred University; a B.S. and Post-Graduate Research from the State Univ. of N.Y. at Buffalo. He earned his M.S. on Immunology in Micro-Biology.

Dr. Anderson is a Certified Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians; and is Board certified in Family Practice.

OUR FIRST FAMILY

Rev. John White & Mrs. Julia White
(Mother and Father of Rev. Harry J. White Sr.)

Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. & Mrs. Virginia J. White, Parents of

Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.

Juanita Davidson, and Marion Lehman

Paul & Marion Lehman, Parents of Christopher and Jeffery

Juanita, Mother of Keith

Rev. Harry J. White Jr., Father of Vada White

Pastor White joined Bethel in 1952, under Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.

Rev. White Jr. was licensed to preach from Bethel in 1953

OLDEST LINEAGE IN BETHEL

In Grateful Remembrance

- 1831 Benjamin Taylor, Great, Great Grandfather, Rev. Richard Williams, Pastor. He was one of the founders of our church on Carroll Street and Vine Alley.
- 1863 Mr. Taylor was elected to the Board of Trustees to Wilberforce.
- 1882 Mr. James T. Anderson, father, Rev. Henry Harrison, Pastor.
- 1882 Miss Amelia Anderson, Aunt, Rev. Henry Harrison, Pastor.
- 1914 Mrs. Ora L. Anderson, Mother, Rev. H.H. Williams, Pastor.
- 1917 James E. Anderson, Brother, Rev. Alonzo L. Wilson, Pastor.
- 1919 Mildred N. Anderson Feeney, Sister, Rev. Alonzo Wilson, Pastor.

AND SALUTING

- 1921 Ora L. Anderson Curry, Sister, Educator, Rev. H. Allen Garcia, Pastor.
- 1923 Atty. Arthur S. Anderson, Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, Pastor.
- 1944 Estelle Anderson, wife, retired teacher, Rev. D. Ormande Walker, Pastor.

1948 — THE ALLEN FAMILY GENERATIONS — 1991

Originating from Pittsburgh, PA, Lloyd and Geneva Allen came to Buffalo in 1948, and shortly thereafter joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, Rev. John W.P. Collier, Pastor. With them, came a loving family and Bethel Church became their church home. Sadly to say, Mr. Allen passed away, but the family carries on the tradition of Bethel's dedication as families are honored on this Founder's Day.

First Generation — Lloyd and Geneva M. Allen.

Second Generation — Mary Ellen Foote (Lonnie).

Third Generation — Sharon Louise Foote and Raymond DuBard, Geneva Mae Foote, Beverly Elaine Rogers, Marilyn Ann Foote Kragbe, Lorraine Ellen Foote Ogden, Norma Jean Foote, Leslie Jane Foote, Lonnie Charles Foote, Jr.

Fourth Generation — Raymond Allen DuBard, Stephanie Renee DuBard, Eddie Lee Dawson, Jennifer Lynn Dawson Thagard, Wally Makanjola, Shagurn Ola Makanjola, Byron White.

- Toddie Elaine Rogers, L.C. David Rogers, III.
- Lisa Monique Kragbe, Tatchy Benny Kragbe.
- Nicholas Allen Ogden, Nathalie Ogden, Marcella Alma Ogden, Matthew Paul Ogden.
- Cassandra Lynn Foote — Lia Marie Foote, Joshua Emmanuel Foote — Marlon Foote

Fifth Generation — Tomeika Dawson, Roosevelt Dawson, Sasha Dawson, Donald Thagard.

Highlights of church participation over the years:

Mrs. Allen — Co-founder and Charter Member of Bethel's Federal Credit Union, president for 24 years.

Missionary Society — president for 18 years.

Past Chairlady of Women's Day

First member of Bethel to be elected to Quadrennial.

Member of The Evening Choir.

Family participation in The Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Celestial Choir, Cathedral and Senior Choir, YPD President, Sunday School delegates, Chairpersons for Young Adult Day, Bethel's African American Heritage Society, Credit Union Committees.

**THE ALEXANDERS
AND THE HUNTS SINCE 1947**

James P. Alexander, Rev. Harry White, Sr. and
Carrie W. Alexander, Rev. D.O. Walker

Male Usher Board Former Trustee, Missionary Society

Male Chorus (Here Am I Unit)
 Women's Day Journal
 Bethel's Council of Churches
 Honoree 1987

Llewlynn Hunt, Rev. G. Grant Crumpley and
Lou Jim Hunt, Rev. G. Grant Crumpley

Male Usher Board Missionary Society
 (Here Am I Unit)
 Culinary Arts Com.

George Alexander, Rev. E. Eugene McAshan and
Leola B. Alexander, Rev. E.E. McAshan
Faithful Member Lay Organization (Fin. Secty)

Herman Alexander Virginia Alexander
Rev. E.E. McAshan St. Luke A.M.E. Zion
Male Chorus
Former Trustee

*Serving Bethel A.M.E. Church with
Love and Sincerity*

THE BASS HERITAGE

John and Ellen Bass — 1923 — Rev. Spencer Charpenter, Pastor
Usher & Trustee

Trustee Aid Club

General Bass, Son — 1928 — Rev. M.E. Jackson, Pastor
Usher and Trustee

Beatrese Bass, Wife — 1961 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr., Pastor
Missionary Society (Dorcas Sisters Unit)

Kevin R. (Alberta Z.) Bass, son — 1960 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. Pastor
Bd. of Chr. Ed., Comm. of Public Relations

Antoinette Yvette Michelle Bass, Daughter

General's Son, Leonard (Addie) Bass — 1945 — Rev. D. Ormonde
Walker, Pastor

Clydean Amaker, Sister — 1932 — Rev. M.E. Jackson, Pastor
Choir, Usher Board, Artistic

Frank Amaker, Husband (deceased)

Frank Amaker, Jr. son — 1957

Cindy (Brian) Ferrier — 1959

Beatrice Stenson, Sister — 1934 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Choir, Hospitality Board

Frank Stenson, Husband — 1982 — Rev. E.E. McAshan, Pastor

Douglas Parham, Son — 1950 — Rev. Charles Stewart, Pastor

Wayne Parham, Son — 1951 — Rev. Charles Stewart, Pastor

Sharon Bonds, Daughter — 1961 — Rev. Harry White, Sr. Pastor

Andrew Bonds, Husband

Teresa Boone Sister (deceased)

Robert Boone, Husband — 1982 — Rev. E.E. McAshan, Sr., Pastor

Derrick Boone, Son — 1958 — Rev. Harry J. White, Pastor

Rodney Boone, Son — 1960 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. Pastor

“Study To Show Thyself Approved — —”

Ellen M. Morse joined Bethel in 1944 under Rev. D Ormonde Walker. Served in Sunday School, Stewardess Bd. Missionary Dept., (Dorcas Sisters), Sr. Steward Board Charter Lay Member, Volunteer in the Church Office Instructor in the Tutorial Program, 13 years, Married to Mr Willard A. Morse, 1971, Son Jackie Sloan, 1st baby christened in Bethel after Rev. Walker became Bishop. He was a Sunday school scholar and choir member. Now resides in Oakland, Ca

To Live In The Hearts of Those We Leave Behind

Is Not To Die

Myrtle M. Holley, Mother..... 1935, Rev M.E. Jackson
 Theodore N. Holley, Son..... 1914, Rev. H.H. Williams
 Pumped Organ at Vine St. Church

Celebration of Family

Daniel A. Holley, son 1951, Rev. Harry J. White, Sr
 Lay Organization
 Evening Choir
 Married Aug. 6, 1944
 Ruth L. Holley, wife 1944, Rev. D. Ormonde Walker
 Former Trustee
 Former Secretary, W.N.Y. Area Bethel's Queen 1969
 Missionary Financial Secty. Stewardess Board # 2
 Missionary Society Corres. Secretary Georgia Club
 Dorcas Sister's Unit King's Daughter Club
 Former Dorcas Sister's Chairperson Nautilus Circle
 Atty. Dannye R. (Joyce) Holley, Son
 Youth Employer Kenneth B. (Sharon) Holley
 Teacher Cheryl B. (Robert) James
 9 Grandchildren

Beulah L. Jones, El Capitan of Fund Raising

Beulah L. Jones, September 8th, 1942 Rev. D. Ormonde Walker, Pastor Jr. Stewardess Board 1943
 Trustee under Pastorate of Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. and served 32 years on the Board and as Secretary
 Served in every Rally under Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. Worked in Ebony Campaign
 Solicited Books for the defunct library
 Charter Member of Lay Organization in 1956 when Rudolph Lane was President
 Women's Day Captain for 35 years
 1st Women's Day Queen 1965
 Former Secretary of Lay Organization
 Missionary Society (Here Am I Unit)
 Former Class Leader
 Chairman of Altar Flowers
 Donated \$500.00 to Scholarship Fund 1990
 Trustee Emeritus Status under Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.

Vera B. Battle

Joined Bethel under Rev. John H.P. Collier 1948.
 Sunday School Teacher for 18 years
 Former Vacation Bible School Director and teacher.
 Superintendent of the Beginner's Department of Church School.
 Treasurer of Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit.
 Member of Church Women United.
 Was Queen of Bethel 1976 to 1977.
 May 1st 1989 awarded Outstanding Volunteer Award by Mayor James Griffin.
 Member of Bethel Head Start Policy Committee.
 Mother of three, William A., Barbara Judith, and John Robert.
 Grandmother of six.

Garnet Hicks Wallace

Joined Bethel on a 1st Sunday in 1947 under the Reverend D. Ormonde Walker. Appointed to Junior High Department as Sunday School Teacher in 1948. Subsequently taught in the Senior High Department and became Superintendent of the school.

Charter Member — Nautilus Club Director of Christian Education (under Rev. Crumpley) Twenty Year Missionary Member Exec. Board, New York Conference Branch WMS Member Exec. Board Learning experience	Co-founder Junior Church Queen of Bethel — 1974 Trustees Deputy Chair Former Area Chairperson Western New York WMS First District Newsletter Editor "The Reflector" Chairperson — Policy Committee Bethel Head Start
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From Bethel AME of New York City Came the McCants Family

	Year Joined	Pastor
Leonard Davis A Steward, Pastor's Aid	1939	Rev. H.P. Anderson
Dollie Davis Member Usher Bd. #1	1941	Rev. D. Ormonde Walker
George McCants (Deceased)	1940	Rev. Ormonde Walker
Sarah Simmons (Sister) (Usher Board #1) (Deceased)	1945	Rev. Ormonde Walker
Jennie Jelks Lett (Sister) (Usher Board #1) Sister	1941	Rev. Ormonde Walker
Alfred Jelks	1941	Rev. D. Ormonde Walker
Eleanor Jelks Minnfield (Daughter) President Usher Board #2)	1953	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Jamar Swindle (Grandson)	1990	Rev. Harry White, Jr.

MR. AND MRS. CLAY WILSON
"The Family is the Rock Bed of the Church"

Annie P. Chambers Wilson joined Bethel AME in July 1974 under Rev. G. Grant Crumpley. Moved to Buffalo from Birmingham, Alabama where she was a member of St. John AME Church. Rev. C.E. Thomas, Pastor and who is now a Bishop.

Former teacher of the Junior High Sunday School class and was appointed a Stewardess by Rev. James Baldwin. She later married Clay Wilson, a Trustee who joined under the leadership of Rev. Eugene McAshan. Clay is a trustee, the Male Usher Board, and Male Chorus.

Annie is the mother of Larissa and James Chambers. Clay has a daughter, Cynthia, we have four granddaughters, Marcheor Thompson, La Tonya Chambers, Veronica McCrimage and Vanessa Wilson.

LONG LIVE THE BRUNSON FAMILY

Charles and Alberta Brunson, 17 Vine, 1922. Active Members at the time of Bethel Church moving to 551 Eagle St. — 1928.

Children: (L.A.)
 Leonard, (deceased) Male Usher B.d
 Adeline Rogers, (deceased) married Leonard Rogers, (deceased) and 3 children
 Co-founder Usher Bd. #2, Sr. Steward, Solidarity Club, Pres. Queen of Bethel 1975, Hospitality Bd. and Stewardess Bd. #3.
 Ruby, (deceased) Usher Bd. #2, Pres.
 Florence Leonard married George Leonard, 1951 Rev. Charles Stewart
 Usher Bd. #2, Solidarity Club, Secretary, Founder and Organizer
 President Hospitality Board, Rev. Grant Crumpley, 1974
 Leonard, Adeline, Ruby, and Florence re-affirmed their faith in 1940 under Rev. Dawkins.
 Charles Brunson, (deceased) Sr. Choir, Viola Johnson Chorus, Trustee Bd.
 Alberta Brunson (deceased) Pres. of Stewardess Bd. #3 for 35 years and Missionary Society, Vice Pres. 12 years, Viola Johnson Chorus.

Florence and George's Children:
 Gervais, Boy Scout, Usher Bd., Jr. Choir, Sunday School
 Garcia, Boy Scout, Usher Bd., Choir, Sunday School
 Gavina (Princess) Jr. Trustee, Finance Com., Credit Union

"Because We Are Family"

By Willah Greene DuBard

OUR BETHEL FAMILY TREE

— In Loving Memory Of —

Grandmother — Lou Ross — 1921-1958

Mother (Stewardess) — Emily Ross Green — 1921-1956

Aunt — Deaconess Ruth Ross Jackson — 1935-1976

Willah B. Green DuBard — 1931

Raymond E. DuBard Sr. — 1943

Raymond C. DuBard — 2nd

Sharon Foote DuBard

Raymond A. DuBard — 3rd

Stephenie R. Dubard

Jon I. DuBard

Joyce A. DuBard

Jon C. DuBard

— In Memory Of —

By Raymond DuBard

Mother — Jessie B. DuBard

Sister — Claryce Henderson

Brother — Raphael DuBard

GARY FAMILY HISTORY

Original Family Membership	Year Joined	Pastor At The Time	Organizational Involvement
Floral Gary — Mother (Deceased)	1925	Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter Vine Street Church	Gospel Choir Stewardess Board #1
William Gary — Father (Deceased)	1926	Rev. M.E. Jackson Eagle Street Church	Devoted Member
Dock F. Gary — Son	1925	Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter Vine Street Church	Trustee (Honorary Status)
John A. Gary — Son	1926	Rev. M.E. Jackson Eagle Street Church	Usher (1927) Steward (1967-Present)
Eugene Gary — Son (Deceased)		(Joined during the Jackson Administration — 1926-1935)	Devoted Member
Ellen Gary Bass Daughter (Deceased)	"	" "	Gospel Choir
Leola Gary Woodley Daughter (Deceased)	"	" "	Gospel Choir and Stewardess #1
Juanita Gary Askew Daughter (Deceased)	"	" "	Gospel Choir
Thelma Gary Miles Granddaughter	1961	Rev. Harry White Michigan & Ferry St.	Children's Choir, Christian Endeavor Instructor, Sunday School Instructor, Celestial Choir, Jr. Steward Board & Jr. Trustee Board (Present)
Melinda M. Miles Great-granddaughter	1989	" "	Devoted Member
Clarence G. Miles Great-grandson	1989	" "	Male Choir (Present)

For Love of God and Love for Bethel
The Harrison, Brinkley, Cook Family

Anne Harrison (Stewardess)	1921 — Rev. H. Allen Garcia
John Harrison	1921 — Rev. H. Allen Garcia
Children:	
Mattie Brinkley (Deceased)	1972 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
David Harrison (Deceased)	1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Cecil Harrison (Deceased)	1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Mae Kindle	1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Usher Bd., Hospitality Bd.	
Tina Cook	1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Children's Choir, Jr. Steward Bd.	

A PROUD TRADITION

In Memory of

Louie Veasey — 1922 and Edith Veasey — 1954

Louie T. Veasey, son — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. 1961
 Jr. Trustee, Finance Committee
 Mae, wife
 Louie T. Veasey, Jr., (Son)
 Tonya Simone, (Daughter)

*"Train up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old,
 he will not depart from it."*

FIVE GENERATIONS

Emma Frasier (deceased)
 1929 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
 Stewardess Board #3

Mamie Frasier Hayes
 1929 Rev. M.E. Jackson
 Only living charter member of King's Daughters

Cleveland Frasier (AC) (deceased)
 1929 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
 Cena Crable
 1933 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
 President — King's Daughters

Lelia Martin, (deceased)
 1937 — Rev. J.A. Portlock
 Member of King's Daughters

Robert Hayes (deceased)
 Male Usher Board
 Missionary Helper

Clara Pitts Tate (Mamie F. Hayes', daughter)
 Secretary — King's Daughters
 Former Queen of Bethel (1978-1982)
 Women's Day Chairlady (1974-1975)
 Lelia Henry (deceased)
 1952 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.

Denyse Tate Lewis — Keith Tate
 Renee Tate Wright — Kevin Tate — Stephen Tate
 Reginald (Boo and Tiana
 Kyana

FOUR GENERATIONS

PEARL RICHARDSON

Joined Bethel under pastorate of Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson in 1930 along with Mother — Sylvia A. Griffin.

Served as church secretary for 12 years under 5 ministers; was Sunday School Teacher, Religious Instructor at the weekly Religious Classes; Girl Scout Leader for 9 years; Junior Choir, Senior Choir (took leave from Senior Choir to organize Intermediate Choir) Organized a Young Adult Group known as the Nautilus Circle under the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Stewart; the H.P. Anderson Club; Chairperson of the 150th Anniversary Celebration Journal; Chairman of Women's Day in 1950; the Senior Choir; the Bethel Lay Organization; Trustee Board; Treasurer/Manager of Bethel Federal Credit Union (served since 1949).

Mother of Joyce E. Bennett and Dennis C. Richardson; Grandmother of Craig H. and Jennifer S. Bennett.

Cherished Memories of my Mother Sylvia A. Griffin who stayed by my side until we moved to the present site, then she transferred to DeLaine Waring which was located nearer her home. (Departed this life 9/4/86).

DEDICATION

EDNA LOTT

Joined Bethel under pastorate of Rev. John W.P. Collier, Jr. — 1948 along with four of her children — Norma Jean, John, Gwendolyn and Robert W.

Edna and daughter Norma Jean were members of the Evening Choir, all the family attended Sunday School under Superintendents Ellis Clark and Rev. Thomas A. Moore. Edna is a member of the Pastors Aid Club.

Mother of 10 children, 24 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren. Those in Buffalo still affiliating with Bethel Church.

Norma Jean served on Ladies Usher Board #2.

A tribute of love and remembrance for the deceased members of my family — Mother — Mrs. Mary Cooper, an active member of Bethel AME Church, Bluefield, W. Va.; husband, John, sons: Donald and James.

Continued Growth to Bethel A.M.E. Church
from
The Garr, Lockett, and First Families
Dorothy J. Garr (deceased) 1951-1973
Stewardess Board/Pastors Aid

LEONARD GARR

LEONARD J. GARR

1951 — Rev. Charles Stewart
Nautilus Circle
Usher Board
Trustee Board

Church Treasurer (20 yrs.)

Jeanette P. Garr, wife

1957 — 1978 Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Solidarity Club

Roderick S. Garr, Actor

1962 Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
New York City resident

CALLIE GARR LOCKETT

CALLIE GARR LOCKETT, Mother

1953 — Rev. Harry White, Sr.
H.P. Anderson Club

Charles H. Lockett, Father

1988 — Rev. Eugene McAshan
Usher Board

Children:

Charlyce Lockett Washington

1957 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Senior Choir

Ivan G. Lockett, Sp/5

Weisbadgen, W. Germany

Jeffery C. Lockett, Eng.
Freemont, Ca.

Byron C. Lockett, Teacher
Columbus, Ohio

Ursula Y. Lockett

MELBA FIRST

MELBA GARR First
Still a faithful member

“God Cares for Us”

THE WYATT FAMILY

Maynard N. Wyatt, (deceased) Rev. D.O. Walker
 Past Credit Union, Pres., Asst. Supt. Sunday School, Nautilus Circle,
 Cathedral Choir, Male Chorus, Male Usher Bd.

Bettye Wyatt Rev Harry J. White, Sr., 1952

Missionary Worker, Church Clerk, Steward

Daughter: Cynthia Jewell Colbert

Children:

Cory, Larry, Kim, Kisha

Daughter: Cheryl Elaine & Major Bradford Caldwell (husband)

Children:

Brittney, Brad, Jr., Bryant

In Loving Memory of Maynard Wyatt, Husband & Father

*“We do not need more to be thankful for:
 We just need to be more thankful.”*

THE CROSBY-CHAPPELLE FAMILY

Marie Crosby Cunningham (Mother) Presiding Elder James A. Manning 1939
 Children:

3 sons

Mary Crosby Chappelle Rev. J.A. Portlock 1935
 Steward, Sr. Missionary Society, Sunday School, Supt., Usher Bd. #1 Chair,
 Senior Choir, Class Leader, The Gary Singers, Public Speaking, Comm. on
 Public Relations

Husband: Clarence Chappelle

Niece (Doris Jean Crosby) Rev. Portlock 1935
 (deceased) In Loving Memory

A Charter Member of the H.P. Anderson Club 1940

BETHEL'S 2ND OLDEST MEMBER
Founder of Credit Union

Mrs. Alberta F. O'Leary Nelson

Joined 1921 — Rev. H. Allen Garcia

Birthdate: Aug. 7, 1891

Married Dr. Ezekiel E. Nelson — 1920

Both had matriculated at Wilberforce University in Ohio, and graduated in 1911. The couple moved to Buffalo in 1920 following the Doctor's graduation from Boston University and Mrs. Nelson's nine-year teaching experience. Dr. Nelson founded the Buffalo Cooperative Economic Society, a Black self-help organization which operated a grocery store and later organized the first Black Federal Credit Union in Buffalo.

In 1950, Mrs. Nelson brought the Credit Union idea to Bethel Church where she organized the Bethel A.M.E. Federal Credit Union in 1949, Rev. John W.P., Pastor.

Served as President in 1950 to 1960.

Dr. Nelson died in 1975. Today, Mrs. Nelson is a resident of the Hamlin Park Nursing Home, Buffalo, N.Y.

An active leader and pianist, she served in many church organizations and programs.

History — Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1831 — 1981

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on April 28, 1831, one year before the City of Buffalo was incorporated as a village, and three years after the first railroad ran out of Baltimore, and six years after the opening of the Erie Canal which made the vast resources of the west accessible to the Atlantic Coast.

The Rev. Richard Williams was the first A.M.E. Minister to be sent to the Western New York Region. Rev. George Weir, Sr. was the first regular A.M.E. Pastor to be assigned to the Colored Methodist Church of Buffalo. The Church was first located on Carroll Street, later moved to Vine Alley, which is that block of William Street between Oak and Elm Streets.

From 1847 to 1941, 44 Pastors served Bethel.

The stock market crashed and the onset of the depression began less than two years after the Bethel congregation moved into the Eagle Street Church. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker served Bethel as pastor from 1941 - 1948. Rev. Walker left \$15,000 in the church treasury earmarked for the future purchase of a larger church. He became a Bishop following his tenure at Bethel.

Rev. John W.P. Collier, Jr., became pastor of Bethel and served until 1950. Under Rev. Collier the membership increased and many young people were brought into the church. During his administration a Credit Union was started. Mrs. Alberta F. Nelson played an important role and the following were charter members — Lloyd and Geneva Allen, O.H. Thomas, Fred Bell, Jack Glass, Janie Tucker Hampton and Rudolph S. Lane.

In 1950 the Rev. Charles E. Stewart, a great speaker, came to Bethel. A parsonage was purchased on Eaton Street during Rev. Stewart's administration. In 1952 Rev. Harry J. White, Sr., a transferee from the California Conference, was sent to Buffalo. He remained for thirteen years. It was during this period that Bethel moved to its present location at Michigan and Ferry Street. A parsonage was also purchased on Voorhees Street.

In 1965 Bethel received the Rev. G. Grant Crumpley (now deceased) as their pastor. The bowling alley in the basement of the church was transformed into a carpeted multipurpose room with a day nursery program in mind. The parsonage on Jewett Parkway was also purchased during this period. In 1977 the Rev. James K. Baldwin became pastor of Bethel. Under his leadership a mini bus was purchased and a History Committee was appointed to secure a history book on Bethel. We are also indebted to Dr. Monroe Fordham for his assistance in the writing and publication of *A History of Bethel Church*.

In 1980, Rev. Eugene E. McAshan was assigned to Bethel. He came from Brooklyn, N.Y. He and his wife Jewell are a team. Rev. McAshan paid off a large indebtedness of \$50,000, made extensive interior renovations, burned the parsonage mortgage, and purchased 445 Cornwall, our 2nd. parsonage.

Our present pastor, Rev. Harry J. White, Jr. was assigned to us by Bishop Cummings in Nov. 1988. He is our native son and it doth not yet appear the great things that lie in store for us under his eloquent preaching and leadership.

It is our hope that a more thorough knowledge and appreciation of the church's rich heritage will serve to inspire the membership to not only work to keep up Bethel's tradition of high standards and service to the community, but it will cause the congregation to move the church on to greater achievements.

Founder Day Awards Banquet 160 Anniversary Program

Processional.....	Mrs. Ruthetta S. Smikle
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	Joya Shepard
M.C.	Nelson Townsend
"Life Every Voice and Sing"	AME District Choir arr. Coates
Welcome	Shandra Gary
"Amiena"	Bethel African Heritage Society
(Ivory Coast Chant)	Directed by Kim Randolph
"Adesua Ye De"	Bethel African Heritage Society
(Song from Ghana)	Directed by Carmita Akiwumi
Invocation	Rev. G. Stanford Bratton Council of Churches

DINNER

Introduction of Dais Guest	Mrs. Garnet Wallace
"To God Be The Glory".....	AME District Choir arr. Crouch
History of Bethel AME	Dr. Monroe Fordham
Monologue in Recognition of Church	Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas
Organizations: The Bishop's Care	
Introduction of Bishop.....	Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.
Speaker	Bishop Frank C. Cummings
Awards Presentation.....	Rev. Harry J. White, Jr. Mary Randolph
Remarks	Mrs. Martha C. Cummings, Epis. Supr.
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"	AME District Choir
Benediction	Rev. Ernestine M. Ward, P.E.

BORN to be A WITNESS

I, Patricia A. Boyd, came to Buffalo, New York in August 1988. My home, since birth, was Queens, New York, where I lived all my life. By the Glory of God, the Father Almighty; I arrived here in Buffalo, New York unexpectedly not knowing a soul. The Lord led me to Bethel A.M.E. Church, (the denomination of my birth fathers) the same weekend I came to Buffalo. On August 7th, 1988 I joined Bethel Church, not having to think twice about it. At that time, Rev. Eugene E. McAshan, was the minister, but I never got to know Rev. McAshan.

One Sunday I decided to return to Bethel after being away from the church for three and a half months.

When I arrived at Bethel that Sunday, there was a new minister, Rev. H.J. White, Jr. It was under Rev. White's leadership that I began to flourish and grow in the Lord. I became a positive and hungry person, wanting to be fed the Holy Word of Jesus Christ, and to be loved. I truly received many many blessings and a dream that I thought could never be fulfilled in my life again ... A God Loving Family.

I became a WINNER in CHRIST and I was rewarded the most beautiful God Loving Family anyone could ever experience in this life. My Bethel A.M.E. Church Family, My family with the blessings of God gave me the Wisdom of knowledge in the Lord. And what I needed so desperately, Love the Greatest Transformer.

The Love I received transformed by Ambition into Aspiration, My Greed into Gratitude, My Selfishness into Service, My Getting into Giving, My Demands into Dedication, and My Loneliness into Happiness.

Like the Sun, Love radiates and warms into life all that it touches. Thanks to you, Pastor White and my Bethel Church Family. I owe my Happiness and Wisdom of the Lord to you. My life long dream of the Family I needed, and is Now a Reality.

May God continue to be with all of us Now and Forever more.

Sincerely, your daughter/niece in Christ

*Patricia A. Boyd
February, 1991*

IN MEMORIAM
"When the Mist has rolled away."

Robert Hayes
Luther Taylor
L.A. Brunson
Willie Arrimngton

Edward Hall
Henry Davenport
Manning Fogan
Zingo Terry

James Mays
Eugene Peoples
Eugene Dobbs

MALE USHER BOARD

Vernon Taylor — President

THE LANE LEGACY

	Year Joined	Pastor
Andy Lane Sr. (Uncle)	1958	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Adell Lane (Aunt)	1958	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Venetta Lane Williams (Merrill) (Niece)	1958	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Thelma Lane Batchelor (Niece)	1960	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Paul Batchelor (Nephew)	1982	Rev. Eugene McAshar
Vivian L. Williams	1965	Rev. G. Grant Crumple
Kimberly A. Williams (children of Vanetta and Merill)	1966	Rev. G. Grant Crumple
Paul Batchelor Mark Batchelor (children of Paul and Thelma)		Rev. James K. Baldwin

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"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

William G. Hamilton, Sr. (deceased) Father
Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. — 1959
Gladys Hamilton, Mother
Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. — 1959
Atty. William G. Hamilton, Jr., Son
Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, 1965
Trustee Board
Children:
Jada, Courtney, Heather, Hamilton
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr. — 1989

In Memoriam
William G. Hamilton, Sr.

**"We Believe in Hands that work, Minds that think
and Hearts that love"**

Emma Brown (Sister) 1943 Dr. D.O. Walker
Ethel M. Wilder 1943 Dr. D.O. Walker
Steward Board

Children: Joined under Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Atty. Elmon Wilder — Sunday School — Young Adults
Delores J. (Wilder) Davis — Lay Org.
Margaret A. Wilder — Lay Org.
(on leave as Doctoral candidate)

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THE PERRY-PAULDING FAMILY

Alice Ruth Perry — 1944 — Rev. D. Ormonde Walker, Pastor
Deceased: April 1990
Married: Leroy Perry — 1950 — Rev. Charles Stewart officiated

Two Daughters:

Sharon J. joined at age 17
Member of children's choir
Sunday School — Cathedral Choir
Sister's Sharing Missionary Unit 1986
Married Jimmie E. Paulding — 1979

Rev. James K. Baldwin, officiating
Sharon's son: Shawn C. Perry

Served as Altar Boy
Jr. Usher Board
Serves as Treasurer
Janis R. at age 16

Children's Choir, The Sunday School, The Cathedral Choir
Married Paul Johnson
Member Bridge St. A.M.E. Church, Rev. Fred Lucas, Pastor

Two Daughters:

Lauren Christian
Toi Lynn

Alice Ruth Perry — a faithful, active and dues-paying Member.
Member The Steward board, Solidarity Blub
Sister's Sharing Missionary Unit, Pastor's Aid, North Carolina Club

"Gone But Not Forgotten"

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**A TRUE BLUE CLAN OF A.M.E. HERITAGE
FROM FLORIDA**

Congratulations to Bethel A.M.E. Church on its 160th Anniversary from the Washington, Bethel, Smith, Edwards, and Evans Families.

Bessie M. Washington, President of Stewardess Board #1. Greetings from her children, Rev. Dr. T.R. and Rev. Lilly R. Johnson of California. Laura Beth Johnson, Granddaughter, University Santa Barbara, California

Julia Bethel, President of Ladies Usher Board #1 for 25 years. Her children, Priscilla (Clarence) Hunter of St. Louis Mo. of Wayman A.M.E. Church and their children Kenneth and Kymberlee

Linda (Randy) Edwards of Bethel, Chaplain of the Junior Steward Board and Sunday School Teacher. Their children David and Teresa members of the Junior Choir and the Sunday School. Teresa was Bethel's Baby of the Year 84-85.

Pearlie Smith, Member of the Senior Choir, The Layman Organization, The Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit. Her children: Master Sargent Marvin M. Smith (Vanessa) serving in Saudi Arabia. Their children Marvin M. II, and Anita.

Reuben Smith, Deceased Children — Bryon and Bridget, Alabama.

Deborah Evans, a member of Bethel. Her children: son, Lamon serving on the Jr. Usher Board, and Daughters Tiana and Da'nia.

Brenda J. Smith, a member of Bethel and her daughters: Davina A., Jr — Usher Board, Anisha, and Kendra, Bethel's Baby of the Year 89-90 — Pearlie also has two grandchildren living in Alabama, Bryon and Bridge Smith. (Reuben Smith's deceased children.

God Bless Bishop and Mrs. Frank Cummings, Presiding Elder Ernestine Ward, Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Rev. Thomas Moore, and all who represent the Bethel A.M.E. Church Family.

THE ABRAM — MCCOMB FAMILY

		Year Joined	Pastor
Father	Elijah Abram Sr. (deceased 1987)	1954	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Mother	Mary A. Abram McComb	1954	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
	Married Hooker W. McComb in 1983 under Rev. Eugene McAshan. President of Stewardess Board #3 Missionary Society Senior Unit Senior Choir — Corresponding Secretary		
Son #1	Elijah Abram, Jr. Married to Anne and parents to three children. Employed by the Buffalo Police Department.	1961	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Son #2	Gregory D. Abram Attorney for New York State Housing in Hempstead, New York.	1961	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Son #3	Maurice W. Abram Married to Idella and employed by the Buffalo Police Department.	1961	Rev. Harry White, Sr.
Daughter	Beverly J. Abram Junior Trustee Board, Celestial Choir, Gospel Singers and Bethel Head Employed by the City of Buffalo as a Truant Officer.	1979	Rev. James K. Baldwin Start Policy Committee.
Grandson	Austin Abram son of Beverly. Member of the Male Choir. 6th grade student at North Park Academy.		
Brother	James Reynold	1985	Rev. Eugene McAshan

LADIES USHER BOARD #2

*Faithfully serving Bethel A.M.E. Church for over 45 years
"God is willing to guide you but you must choose the way"*

Eleanor Minnfield	President
Carrie Alexander	Vice President
Maurice Anding	Rec. Sect.
Bessie Albert	Fin. Sect.
Kathy Franklin	Treasuer
Lula Smith	Sunshine Treasurer
Almta Boles	Chaplain
Members	Albert Berry
	Tina Cook
	Jessie Dale
	Sarah Fogan
	Pamela Lane

*In Memoriam
Bernice Dabney & Cora Moore*

LADIES USHER BOARD #1

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the wicked"

IN MEMORIAM

Mabel Fitzgerald	Ethel Denmark	Emma Brown
Dolly Sullivan	Daisy Byrd	Ethel Thompson
Sadie Stewart	Josephine Peeples	

MEMBERS

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Mary Pierce	Vice President
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Betty Fugate	
Lucille Binon	
Lounell Levy	
Deborah Barton	
Bertha Hendricks	
Denise Simmons	
Thelma Henley	

A SALUTE

May my nieces and nephews continue to grow in the spirit of the Lord:

William A Battle, John Robert Battle, Ted F. Cook, Lois Jean Larkin, Barbara J. Cook, Ted Fredrick Cook II, Stephanie Lorena Cook, William A. Battle III, James Ryan Shield, Bethany Carson, Dionne Carson, Megan R. Baxter, Jesse Carson, Micah Carson, Michelle Carson, Jordan Baxter, Jesse Smith, B. Daniel Smith, Erik Battle, Linda Mans & Gregory Allen Smith.

Beulah L. Jones
Member of Long Standing

1957

Rev. Harry J. White, Sr., Pastor

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(Mother)

CURTIS R. AVERY, JR.
(Son)

WILLIAM KEVIN AVERY, D.D.S.
(Son)

GLORIA PATRICIA (AVERY) STOVELL
(Daughter)

IN LOVING MEMORY
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THE SCOTT—SMIKLE FAMILY

Lee Roy Scott
(Father)

Mary Scott 1974
(Mother)

Parents of
Ruthetta Scott Smikle 1973

(Dgts)

(offsprings)

Susan Naomi RN
Daughters:
Regina Lynette
Mary Nicole
Ruthetta V.

Mary Regina Peoples
Counsellor
Son:
Fred A. Peoples

Oscar Lynford, Jr.
Son:
Jason

Joanne Lynette B.A. — Main Policy Science

Mrs. Mary Scott had been raised as an AME, but became a Baptist upon her marriage to Mr. Scott. She joined Bethel shortly after Ruthetta, her daughter, joined.

Oscar Smikle-Trustee and Renovation Committee (Husband) Rev. G. Grant Crumpley 1973

Ruthetta Scott Smikle Rev. G. Grant Crumpley 1973

Mrs. Smikle began her professional career as a Music Teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools in September, 1955. Mrs. Smikle continued this part of her career, until January, 1986, when she became Assistant Principal at the College Learning Laboratory/Campus West. She became Principal of Hillery Park Academy in August, 1986. In August, 1990, Mrs. Smikle was appointed Supervisor of Music Education, for the Buffalo Public Schools.

In 1984, Mrs. Smikle was cited as the "Teacher of the Year", for the Buffalo School System. She serves as Minister of Music at Bethel A.M.E. Church; is the Sunday School Superintendent, and the Director of Christian Education.

Ruthetta is chairperson of the Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit. She served as Promotion and Missionary Education leader, and as chairperson of the Family Life Standing Committee. On the Conference Branch Level, she serves as the Sarah Gorham "Special" Missions chairperson. Ruthetta also serves as the chairperson of the Music Committee for the Women's Missionary Society of the First Episcopal District, of the A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Smikle is a member of the Erie County Music Educators, the Lit-Mus Study Club, the Harriet Tubman 300's, Pi Lambda Theta, a Sorority and the League of Women voters.

In 1972 Mr. & Mrs. Scott received an award as "outstanding foster parents" for 42 children in the City of Buffalo. Mr. Scott one of the first African American businessman here, passed in 1973.

*We congratulate Bethel on her
160th Anniversary, and pray that God will richly bless us.*

*"Duty May Make us Do Things Well,
But Love Makes Us Do Them Beautifully"*

PATRONS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Garlington..... Parents
Mr. and Mrs. G. Downs Grandparents
Mrs. Nettie Wynn Present 90 yr. old member

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mamie Franks
Mrs. Daphne Hill
Mr. Maceo White

by Peggy Heath 1943 Rev D.D. Walker

I will return

"For The Record of our Beloved Bethel"

THE GLADDEN FAMILY

Edward Gladden joined — 1947 — Rev. D. Ormande Walker, Pastor
Usher Steward Men's Club

Vera Gladden — 1949 — Rev. John W.P. Collier, Pastor

Past President — Lay Organization, Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Missionary

Dorcas Unit, Choir, and Stewardess.

Daughter — Precious Sherry joined Bethel in 1988 under Rev. E. E. McAshan
Celestial Choir and Jr. Trustee

Daughter — Caroline Hoffman member joined 1989 under Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Pastor
President of Jr. Trustee Board 1989 —

The Williams — Wilkerson Heritage
BETHEL AME CHURCH

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by Matilda Seamster

Mary Elliot, Stewardess 1930 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Floyd E. Lanier, Turstee 1967 — Rev. G. Grant Crumpley
by Thelma Lanier

IN MEMORIAM
Father Alonzo Smith (Pastor's Steward) — 1920
Daughters: Virginia Ryan, Mildred Battle

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Kissie Goldston 1957 — Rev. Harry White, Sr.
A dedicated Christian
by Niece Alberta Ford — Lay President

In Memory of
Father Emanuel Bee (joined Bethel 1954)
by
Zerida Bee

In Memory of
Carrie Quarles Stewardess
Vince Street — Buffalo, N.Y. — 1927
by Daughter Mrs. Philomina Daniels

In Memory of
Madison Flood
by
Wife Cynthia & Daughter Teresa F. Brown

In Memory of
Matilda S. Briscoe, Rev. M.E. Jackson, Pastor 1935
Civic Worker, Choir Member 50 years
Lula E. Smith, daughter, Rev. J.A. Portlock 1938
Usher Bd. #2

*In Memory of All Deceased Members of
The Solidarity Club of Bethel A.M.E. Church*

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Christine Bailey
Pauline Lewis
Hassie Robinson
Josephine Peoples
Adeline Rogers
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Courtesy of Leonard Davis*

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Fred Montgomery		Ann Hart
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Burton Worthy		

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By Wife and Mother
Mary O Jackson

In Loving Memory of
Mother, Mrs. Flora Brown
By
Louise McCoullum and Family

In Memory Of
Clemenica Martinez (Grandmother)
Stephenie Martinez Berrios (Mother)
By
Rev's. Pedro and Clara M. Castro

In Memory Of
Rudolph Lane, Emma Acker
Grace T. Brown, Helen Williams

IN MEMORIAM
Narcissus McDade
By
Jessica Johnson

In Memory Of
Dealia McCarter
by Son
Lindsay McCarter

In Loving Memory of
My Husband
Samuel Trueheart
departed this life January 15, 1991
by wife Dorothea A. Trueheart

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Garnet Walla

Banquet Co-Chairpersons Joya Shepard

Sandra Fogan G

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