

# *The Thomas C. Woodson Family Newsletter*

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*SUMMER / FALL 2011 Edition*

*This issue is dedicated to those who have passed from 2007 to 2011*

*Editor: Connye Moore-Richardson, William/6*

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## **2012 THOMAS WOODSON FAMILY REUNION TO BE HELD IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

The 2012 Family Reunion will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. from , Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8, 2012. The planning committee is comprised of our Lewis line cousins: John Craig Walker, president; Melanie Yellowday, vice president; Angela (Angie) Jones, secretary; and Quincy Jones, treasurer.

Pittsburgh last hosted the Family Reunion in July 2000 which was very well attended. In addition to our ancestral town of Berlin Crossroads, Jackson County, Ohio, Pittsburgh is also of historical significance. It was in 1831 that Reverend Lewis Woodson, oldest child of Thomas and Jemima Price Woodson, migrated with his family from Ohio to Pittsburgh. As a result, the family was, in those early years, instrumental in the development of the Hill District by creating businesses, schools, churches and the like for the colored residents. The legacy of those families and their contributions are well documented in Pittsburgh.

We will be looking forward to seeing as many of our Thomas line, Madison line, and Eston line cousins in July 2012. More detailed information will be released in the Fall by the host committee. The information will be online as well as a "Save-The-Date" reminder via mail.

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## **REMINDER!!: PAYMENT OF THE FAMILY ASSOCIATION DUES**

Dear Family: The address for sending in your annual association dues has changed. The amount of the annual dues of \$25 per year remains the same. It has not been increased since the 1990's. Because we are just a year from holding the reunion, it is MOST IMPORTANT that we have full participation in order to pay for the family website, for the cost of the mailing the Family Newsletters, for expressions of condolences, research endeavors, the Minnie Shumate Woodson Scholarships Fund and to assist the reunion host committee, if necessary.

The maintenance of our 210 year old family's historical significance depends on the continued support of all family members. The treasurer reports that she has only received payments from 20 members since 2008 to the present.

The 2011 dues are NOW DUE. For those of you, who haven't paid their dues for 2010 or any past years, please include those payments as well, if possible. Thank you in advance and mail the payment to:

Barbara M. Jones, Treasurer  
The Thomas Woodson Family Association  
P. O. Box 10644  
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

\*\*Those that have paid their dues will be listed in our future newsletters as a convenient reference.

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

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### Revised Death Date for Thomas Woodson, Sr,

As a result of finding more documentation in the Jackson County, Court House, Jackson County, Ohio, I have been able to expand the research done by Minnie Shumate Woodson during the 1970's, which can be found in the Woodson Source Book. At that time she estimated that Thomas died between 1875 and 1879 and that his Executor was Reverend Thomas Wesley Woodson, son of James and grandson of Thomas.

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Woodson, dated 30 May 1859, Item 11, appoints his sons George Woodson and James Woodson as his executors. George Woodson died before his father in August 1866, thereby passing on those duties to his brother, James.

The last action taken by Thomas Woodson before his death was a Deed to Jane E. (Hawk) Woodson, (wife of William Woodson, Sr., 1822) dated 12 October 1875, Volume 8, Jackson County Property Deed Book. This property was given to her for the "undertaking to support, take care of, and properly attend the said Thomas Woodson, who is now frail and infirmed..."

Probate Records found at the Jackson County Court House show that James Woodson filed an Application for Letters to the Jackson County Probate Court on 1 February, 1876, as Executor of the Thomas Woodson Estate. On 27 June 1881, James Woodson died leaving his son, Reverend Thomas Wesley Woodson, to serve as Executor of his estate and also that of his grandfather, Thomas Woodson.

On October 26, 1883, Rev. Thomas Wesley Woodson became the second Executor of the Thomas Woodson Estate. The Estate was finalized circa 17 June 1886.

As a result of these new findings, the revised estimated death year for Thomas Woodson is now sometime after 12 October 1875 and before 1 February 1876. He would have been 85 or 86 years old, respectively, at the time of his death.

Further discussions with researchers and consultant, Beverly Gray, will be ongoing.

Connie Moore-Richardson, Chair, Research Committee

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### “RONALD WOODSON’S CORNER”

Ronald Woodson (William/6), Researcher, Special Projects, reports that Frances Woodson, daughter of George Woodson and Anna Lucas, born 1851 and died in 1913, married John Gee on October 23, 1873 in Jackson County, Ohio. The 1880 Census finds her living in Jamestown and Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio. There are 2 daughters, Hannah, age 6 and Julia, age 3 months. John Gee was 30 years old and Frances was 29 years old. After the death of John Gee, Frances married Henry C. Clay. The 1910 Census shows them living in Greene County, Ohio. Her daughter, Julia married Clarence Hunnicutt and the 1930 Census shows her living in Cleveland, Ohio.

(Note: This information is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodson connection to the Gee family of Gallia County, Ohio and a Woodson connection to the Hunnicutt and Harper families of Muskingum County, Ohio for the first time.-----Connie)

**LEACH FAMILY LINE UPDATE**  
**Descendants of Fannie Price and Lewis Leach**  
**Sister of Jemima Price Woodson**

*Submitted by Steven Fields (Leach/6) and Virgil "Tom" Tucker (Leach/6)*

**LANDRY ADDISON FIELDS: Leach/7**

Cousin Landry was born in Long Beach, California on June 27, 1988 to Steven and Janice Fields. He started his basketball career at Los Alamitos High School and led his team to the CIF Southern Section Division 1-AA title

For the first time in school history, advancing to the Division 1 semi-finals. He was named to the 2006 All Los Angeles Times and Long Beach Press Telegram Best in the West Dream Team.

Having been sought after by many universities, Landry chose Stanford University for their outstanding academic and athletic programs. Averaging 7.1 points and 3.8 rebounds over his first three seasons (97 games), Landry blossomed into an All-Pac-10 First Team selection as a senior.

He led the PAC-10 in scoring (22.0, eight in the nation) in rebounding as a senior. He graduated as a Communications Major with a 3.03 GPA in May of 2010 earning him the 2009-10 Toyota Tires PAC-10 Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Pac-10 All-Academic Honors as a Senior.



Landry was selected by the New York Knicks in the second round (39<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2010 NBA Draft. He was named the starting shooting guard for the Knicks on opening night. Landry is only one of four rookies starting in the NBA. On November 16, 2010, he set a new career high in scoring 25 points in a win against the 76ers. He won Rookie of the Month in the Eastern Conference for the months of November and December 2010. After capping off a strong rookie year averaging 9.7 points (4<sup>th</sup> among rookies) and 6.4 rebounds (first among all guards in the NBA), he was named to the 2011 NBA All-Rookie First Team.

Landry Addison Fields is a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendent of:

- (1) Lewis and Fannie Price Leach
- (2) Thomas and Sarah Jane Wilson Leach
- (3) Thomas and Mary Thompson Leach
- (4) Addison and Ada Pauline Leach Fields
- (5) James Russell and Cecilia Love Barker Fields
- (6) Steven Craig and Janice Fields.

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**LEWIS LINE NEWS:**

*Tampa, Florida*

I had a delightful conversation with Colonel Alan Jones (Lewis/6) in August and he and the family are doing well. This Summer, he attended a local family reunion in Pittsburgh with all of our cousins there. He also mentioned that he turned 80 years old in February 2011 and continues to be involved in the real estate business.

**Happy Belated Birthday to Cousin Alan!!!!!!**

**LEWIS LINE NEWS (continued)**

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### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Byron Woodson (Lewis/6) reports that a Modernization Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2011 for the Howard D. Woodson High School in Washington, D. C. Byron is the son of John Stanton Woodson, (Lewis/5) and grandson of Howard D. Woodson, (Lewis/4).

The high school first opened its doors in 1972 and quickly became known as the Tower of Power The new facility is specifically designed to support a curriculum based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The building is also designed to meet the needs of the surrounding community. Facilities that serve day students are configured to support neighborhood cultural and recreational activities during off-hours. The new facility is a 231,000 square foot, 3 story school to address the academic needs of Ward 7 in Northeast Washington, D. C.

Byron, II (Lewis/7) and his wife, Stacey (Matthews) are expecting their first child sometime in mid September 2011. This will be the first grandchild born to one of the sons of Byron Woodson and Trena Parker Woodson.

### **FRANCES LINE NEWS:**

#### New Zealand and Australia

Cousin Glenn Compain (Frances/8) reports that his grandmother, Elizabeth Cabell Compain Weatherley was 90 years old on November 16, 2010 and is still the key matriarch of the Compain family. She had the energy to visit Glenn in Australia last year and with warmer climate, she will visit again very soon. Elizabeth's sons, all remain in New Zealand, Frederick is the father of Glenn and is the oldest of her sons at 70 years old. Frederick is followed by Herbert, Benjamin, Bruce, Bryce, Len and sister Arabella.

Glenn's older brothers, Tony, Shane and Clinton all still live in Auckland. Glenn is married to Lana (Crawley) and have 3 boys, Sheaziah (14), Juwan(10) and Tobias (5). The family left New Zealand in January 2010 and settled on the lovely Gold Coast of Queensland, Australia. He prays that all of his cousins are in good health and to give him a call if anyone is traveling to his area.

Elizabeth Cabell Compain Weatherley is the daughter of John Edward Cabell (Frances/5) and Lura Joseph; granddaughter of Halley Wiley; great granddaughter of Jemima Cassels Wiley; 2great granddaughter of Frances Woodson Cassels, and 3great granddaughter of Thomas and Jemima Woodson.

### **WILLIAM LINE NEWS:**

#### Los Angeles, California

Kimberly Marie Richardson (William/7), daughter of Connye Moore-Richardson (William/6) and Madison F. Richardson, M. D. and granddaughter of Norma Woodson Moore McDaniel (William/5), completed her residency program in Anesthesiology at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Beverly Hills in August 2009. She accepted a Fellowship specializing in

Regional Anesthesiology at the Columbia-Cornell Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital and completed her studies in August 2010. She returned to Los Angeles in August 2010 and is presently on the staff at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Beverly Hills, California.

## **WILLIAM LINE NEWS (continued)**

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### Washington, D. C.

Karen Elizabeth Richardson (William/7) continues to work in President Obama's administration in the Office of Public Engagement (OPE) located on the White House grounds. She is Associate Director for Health Care, Senior Affairs and International Community Outreach. Among her duties are working with the White House National Security Staff, conducting outreach to the international community, and promoting the President's position on foreign policy issues. Karen is an advisor to Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President, on outreach to various domestic and international constituencies. She also assists Ms. Jarrett in her role as Chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls.

### Charleston, West Virginia:

Ronald Woodson and his sister, Florence Woodson Berger (William/6), children of Harry P. and Marian Hill Woodson, Jr. (William/5) appeared in an article on February 9, 2011 in the Charleston Gazette newspaper. The title of the article is "A Forgotten Man: William H. Davis and His Impact on West Virginia History."

Having observed the absence of information on William Davis as a prominent and historical colored person in Kanawha County, in the West Virginia Archives, Ronald and Connye (William/6) realized that this would need to be resolved. As local residents, it was due to the persistence of Ronald and Florence that this oversight was brought to the attention of Mayor Danny Jones. The article can be found online by google-ling "Ronald Woodson and William Davis".

More information can be found at <http://www.appalachianhistory.net/2011/02/listen-here-appalachian-history-weekly-posts-today-31.html>

The Booker T. Washington Papers and "Up From Slavery": author Booker T. Washington.

**Brief History:** William H. Davis was born in Columbus, Ohio on November 27, 1846, and passed away on March 24, 1938 at the age of 92 years old. He served in the Calvary BodyGuard Unit on the grounds of the White House to President Abraham Lincoln. He was the first teacher of Booker T. Washington, the first colored man to be nominated, in 1888, for governor of West Virginia and was the first African American teacher in the Kanawha Valley and was later appointed Superintendent of Colored Schools.

William H. Davis was the father of Fannie Barbara Davis Woodson; father-in-law of Harry P. Woodson, Sr.; maternal grandfather of Norma Woodson Moore McDaniel, Florence Woodson Calfee Smith, Harry Payne Woodson Jr., William Davis Woodson, Paul Lawrence Woodson and Thomas Anderson Woodson (William/5).

## **MADISON LINE NEWS:**

### New Rochelle, New York

Cousin Shannon and Chandra Phillips LaNier (Madison/8) were married on May 29, 2004. They welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the family on February 2, 2011. Her name is Madison Emma-Lee LaNier, and appropriately so. Congratulations to the blessed parents.

## **ESTON LINE NEWS:**

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### *Anaheim Hills, California*

Cousin Mary Jefferson (Eston/5) has retired after more than 30 years as a second grade teacher in Anaheim and Chino, California. She now spends her time exercising, volunteering as an usher for Segerstrom for the Arts; sings in her church choir, and participates in the League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women. She was inducted into the Los Angeles Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) several years ago.

Mary is now a grandmother. Her son, Colby Boggs and wife Becky Wells Boggs have two children: Isaac Kensie Boggs, born on November 25, 2009 and Ruby Knutsen Boggs, born on July 23, 2009. Her son, Justin Boggs and wife Tammy have a son, Brandon Lee Boggs, born on January 4, 2010, and are expecting their second child in January 2012.

### *Little Falls, New Jersey*

Julia Jefferson Westerinen (Eston/5) is now spending her time relaxing and enjoying life between Little Falls and Boca Raton, Florida. Julia has also returned to her love of painting and all of her hobbies. Her children, Art, Jeff, Marshall and Dorothy are all doing well; as well as her East and West Coast grandchildren.

## **MESSAGE TO THE FAMILY FROM CONNYE:**

Greetings to all Cousins,

The following pages contain a list of family members who have now passed on; which reminds us of those whose input and dedication, that began 39 years ago, has made it possible for all of us to be able to know our ancestors and the lives that they lived during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and beyond. To them we owe a deep and profound debt of gratitude.

It is incumbent upon each and every one of us to carry on the responsibility of preserving the legacy of Thomas Woodson so that he will not be lost to the ages. That the work, time and effort that was expended by those before us will not be lost to succeeding generations. That those not yet born, will know, with pride, from whom they descend, the family history, the contributions, and the accomplishments that each generation made to our country, their communities, and to the betterment of their fellow man.

My love to you all and..... I will see you in Pittsburgh!

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**OUR FAMILY MEMBERS**

**LEWIS LINE:**

*Dr. FRANCES WENONA WOODSON ROBERTSON* (Lewis/6) was born on November 5, 1941 in Charlotte, N. C. to Frances and George F. Woodson. She passed away on March 24, 2007. The family relocated to Wilberforce, Ohio where she attended public schools. After graduating from high school, she enrolled at Howard University and received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology in 1963; a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Central State University in 1964; a Masters of Science in public health from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and a Ph.D. in higher and adult education from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1986.

She taught at Rock Bridge High School for 22 years where she founded Medicina Physique and began the Summer minority internship program. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority serving as president, Founder's Day chair and chair of the Doris H. Lewis Scholarship Committee. She was also a member of the Consortium of Doctors, Ltd.

Wenona was married to Dr. William Eugene Robertson of Columbus, Ohio for 25 years and of that union two children were born: Douglass Eugene Robertson and Wenona Elyce Robertson. She is survived by her son and daughter; brother, G. Frederick Woodson; sister-in-law Judith Woodson; nieces, Candace Woodson and Tasha Bolden, D.D.S. Services were held at St. Luke United Methodist Church. Burial was in Dayton, Ohio.

*LOGAN WILLIAM WILEY* (Lewis/6), was born on June 29, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois, to James Garfield Wiley and Allie Lena Stewart. He passed away on February 20, 2010. He grew up in Pittsburgh, Penna., graduating from Oliver High School in 1938. Logan earned a degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Pittsburgh. After serving his country in the U.S. Army, he attended Ohio University: graduating with honors in education.

Logan was blessed with a son Logan Jr. and daughter Alice from a previous marriage. He married Clemmie Ransom Wiley and they have a son, Brian Keith Wiley. Logan began his teaching career teaching at Bloom Junior High and Taft High School. He was very dedicated to inner-city children, serving as a father figure to many and by working in the inner city at Findlay Street Neighborhood and Seven Hills Neighborhood House. After retiring from Taft High School, he devoted 13 years to the Citizens Committee on Youth.

He served on Habitat for Humanity home building projects and was President of the Avondale Community Zoo Board. As a precinct executive, he saw the historic election of President Barack H. Obama. Logan was a member of the Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Logan leaves his beloved wife, Clemmie; children, Brian (Tonya);, Alice (John) Killoran; Logan Wiley Jr.; 8 grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Wiley-Hawkins of Indianapolis.

*JOHN STANTON WOODSON, Sr.,* (Lewis/5) was born to Howard Dilworth Woodson and Pauline Golden Writt on October 12, 1918 in Washington, D. C. He passed away in Savannah Lakes, South Carolina on February 1, 2011. He was 93 years old and was the youngest of four sons. Preceding him in death are Granville Writt, Paul Dilworth and Harold Merriman Woodson.

John graduated from Dunbar High School in 1937. After many years of service in the U.S. Army, he earned a B. S. degree in geography from George Washington University. In 1942, he married Minnie Mae Shumate and remained so for 52 years until her death in 1994. To this union was born two sons, Jon Stanton Woodson and Byron Writt Woodson.

## **LEWIS LINE (continued) John Stanton Woodson:**

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He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict and thereafter served in the Army Reserves, retiring in 1971 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was one of the United States Government's oceanographers, working in many of the Caribbean sound testing stations.

John, along with his wife Minnie and others, co-founded The Thomas Woodson Family Association and he served as its' third president from 1988 to 1990. The original charter members of the family eventually discovered more than 1750 descendants of Thomas Woodson who lived throughout the United States and New Zealand. In his retirement, John served as a docent at the Navy Museum in D. C.; as the president of the Far Northeast Boundary Civic Association and served on a panel devoted to the environmental protection of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

John and Minnie moved to Savannah Lakes, South Carolina in 1991 where he continued to play tennis, golf, bridge and to socialize with his many local friends. John is survived by sons, Jon and Byron; and grandchildren, Morgan, Marnee, John, and Byron II.

## **FRANCES LINE:**

GEORGE LEWIS CASSELS, (Frances/6) son George Louis Cassels and Anna Harris was born on December 17, 1927 and passed away on September 25, 2005. On October 13, 1949, George married Blanche Rosella Stewart and of that union were born Larry; Tammy; George "Buddy" and Blanche Leona Cassels.

George was the brother of Helen Natalie; Ruth Jane; Mary Anna; Mildred Deloris; Festus A; Beatrice Rossetta; Robert Eugene; Marjorie Mae; Peggy Jean; and Arnette Beverly Cassels.

Dr. EDGAR FORREST LOVE, (Frances/5) son of Kitty Wiley and George Willard Kirkland Love, was born on August 18, 1919 in Kansas City Missouri and departed this life on September 10, 2009 in Torrance, California. Edgar was elected as the first to serve as Charter President of the Family Association from 1984 to 1986.

Edgar attended Lincoln High School and Lincoln Junior College in Kansas City. He received his B.A. from Lincoln University, Missouri; M.A. from the University of Michigan and a PhD from the University of Southern California. Edgar taught at Texas Southern University, California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo California; Cal. State, Long Beach, Cal.; Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland and El Camino College, California.

Edgar was married three times. The first marriage in 1947 was to Remedios Perez of the Philippines that ended in divorce; On January 5, 1960, he married Margaret Bell in Los Angeles, California. Margaret died from cancer in 1971. On May 12, 1972, Edgar married Florine Frances Brown in Los Angeles. There were no children from his marriages. Those left to mourn his loss is his niece, Angelia Love Taylor of Las Vegas, Nevada; the Woodson Family Association and Membership; and many colleagues and associates.

MILDRED DELORIS CASSELS DICKERSON (Rodriguez), (Frances/6) was born on July 30, 1932 in Smithfield, Ohio, to George Louis and Anna Harris Cassels, Sr. Midge/Millie passed away on January 9, 2010 in Downey, California at the age of 77 years old.

Midge graduated from Smithfield High School; relocated to Dayton where she was employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; met and married Taylor C. Dickerson. Three children were born: Ava Roxanne, Arlene, Rene and Jeffrey Taylor. She moved to California in the early 1960's and retired as Division Chief, Contracts for the U. S. Air Force. Midge held the distinction of being the first woman in the United States to achieve a grade of GS-15.

After the death of her beloved husband Taylor, Midge lived alone for many years until she met and married Edward Rodriguez of Downey, California. He died in January of 2009.

At the time of her passing, she was survived by daughters, Ava Lankford, Sr. and Arlene Rene Rajkot; two grandsons Norman Harry Lankford, Jr. and Maurice Jones Lankford; granddaughters Zakiya Roberts Moss, Amber King Allen, Anna Rebecca Lankford, Alsyonne Renee King, Ava Roxanne Lankford, and Taylor Dickerson Lankford; great grandson Arshad Makin Muhammed; great granddaughters Imani, Nia and Asia Moss; brother Robert Cassels; sisters, Ruth Jane Faithful, Marjorie Kirby, Beatrice Etienne, Arnette Long and Helen Stewart; many nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

ROBERT WILLIAM FAITHFUL, husband of Ruth Jane Cassels Faithful departed from this life on 20 January 2010. At the time of his passing, he was survived by his wife, three sons: Robert William Faithful IV of Centre--Virginia; George E. Faithful of Westerville, Ohio; and Fred L. Faithful of South Riding Va.; five grandchildren Frederick II of Colorado Springs; George of St. Louis; USAF Capt. Shannon Faithful of Destin, Florida, Richeal Faithful of Washington, D. C.; and Robert Faithful V of Centerville, Va.; and two great grandchildren.

WILLIAM CORNELIUS WOOD, II (Frances/6), was born on May 28, 1935 to Delcie Corrine Cassell (Sublett) and William C. Wood in Des Moines, Iowa. On September 20, 2010, Bill passed away at the age of 75 years old in Los Angeles, California.

He married Patricia Maryln Brauer and to them were born Christopher Cassel Wood, Lita Corrine Wood (Jim Pistono), Lynette Marie (Aisha) Wood (Kareem) and Laura Lee Wood (Pierce). In addition, he was father to daughters Celisse Lewis and twins, Melanie and Durant Pettus.

He is also survived by two brothers; Eugene Sublett (Laurie) and Stanley Wood; one sister, Luella Sublett (Alan) Williams, and a host of relatives and friends. Bill was a professional photographer and resided in Los Angeles for many years. A memorial was held at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

RUTH JANE CASSELS FAITHFUL (Frances/6), was born on June 8, 1929 to George Louis and Anna Harris Cassels. Jane, as she was known, passed away on December 1, 2010. She was the second of eleven children and the oldest daughter. Her siblings are Helen Natalie; George Louis; Mary Anna; Mildred Deloris; Festus A.; Beatrice Rossetta; Robert Eugene; Marjorie Mae; Peggy Jean; and Arnette Beverly Cassels.

Jane graduated from Smithfield High School, Ohio and was a graduate of Wheeling College of Commerce and Elliott's School of Business and West Liberty State Teachers College. She is the mother of three sons, Robert, George and Fred Faithful.

She served in many community positions: president of the PTA; leader of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Ohio; officer in the Bridgeport Women's Club; board member of the Eastern of Ohio University and Belmont Technical College; president of the Bridgeport Rotary. One of her greatest honors was to serve as the Grand Worthy Matron for the Amaranth Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star for the State of Ohio in 1968.

She loved family history and was the first woman to serve as president of the Thomas Woodson Family Association from 1994 to 1996, exploring the history of contributions of our family in Ohio and ties to the Jefferson/Hemings oral history to Monticello.

Jane received an Honorary Degree from Wilberforce University in acknowledgment of the Woodson Family's contributions to education in Ohio and for the co-founding of Wilberforce University by the Reverend Lewis Woodson; oldest son of Thomas and Jemima Price Woodson.

**FRANCES LINE (continued) Ruth Jane Cassels Faithful:**

As manager of the Ohio Employment Service, Jane helped shape the development of the Ohio Valley Mall and the growth of business in Belmont County. She led the effort to raise over \$400,000 for a new library in Bridgeport. A tree is dedicated to her at that site.

She is preceded in death by brothers, George and Festus Cassels; sisters Mary Jackson, Mildred Dickerson, and Peggy Jackson. Surviving Jane are her sons Robert William Faithful, IV of Centreville, VA; George E. Faithful of Westerville, Ohio; and Fred L. Faithful of South Riding, Virginia; five grandchildren; Frederick II of Colorado Springs; George of St. Louis; Capt. Shannon Faithful USAF of Destin, Florida, Richael Faithful of Washington, D. C. and Robert W. Faithful, V of Centerville, VA; and two great grandchildren. Interment was held at Weeks Cemetery, Bridgeport, Ohio.

WILVER ALONZO LEE husband of Geraldine Evelyn Cassell, (Frances/5) was born on January 30, 1913 in Butte, Montana and passed away on March 14, 2011 at the age of 98 years in Minneapolis. As a World War II veteran, he served in the Army Air Corps as a construction machine operator. He was a career Minneapolis City police officer for 33 years. He loved boating, fishing and traveling. Wilver owned and operated Lee's Dairy Cone in North Minneapolis. However, his real passion was for his family.

Wilver was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine, who died on April 14, 2004 in Minneapolis.

He is survived by his son, Steven Lee and Dolly Burns; daughter, Cassandra Warn and Daniel Warn; grandchildren, Jovone Lewis, Danielle Warn, Michelle Burton; and eight great grandchildren. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Major ROBERTA ELENORA DOWNEY (Frances/6), March 27, 1939 and passed away on August 20, 2011 in San Diego, California. She was born in Buffalo, New York to Alfreda Randolph Lee Edwards (Frances/5) and DeWitt Lee. Roberta retired as a Major in the Salvation Army.

Those who survive her are husband, William Downey; children, Tracey Chaffin, Dawn Chaffin, Preston Downey, Robin Musa, and Lynn Steward; many grandchildren; one great grandchild; her sister Alfreda Lee Johnson (Frances/5) of Buffalo, New York (mother of William Johnson, Frances/6, of Burke, Virginia).

**REQUEST FOR NEWS FOR THE FAMILY NEWSLETTER:**

Family members: please submit items for the newsletter such as: births, marriages, deaths graduations, awards, news articles, any updated research you have on your family line, retirements or any other news that you would like to submit. Thanks to you all.

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