

1867

1992

*125th Anniversary*  
**First Baptist Church**



Main and Henry Street  
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

*“Upon this rock I will build my church.”*

—Matthew 16:18



*First Baptist Church, Lexington, Virginia*  
Rev. W. J. Lucas, Pastor



*Church Interior*

## *Dedication*

*IT IS WITH HUMBLE GRATITUDE AND GREAT PRIDE THAT WE DEDICATE THIS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BOOK TO ALL THOSE LIVING AND DEAD WHO HAVE UNTIRINGLY OVER THE PAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LABORED HERE IN GOD'S VINEYARD TO LEAVE US AND FUTURE GENERATIONS THIS GREAT HERITAGE.*

## **History of the Negro Baptist Church in Lexington VA 1867 - 1980**

A number of Negroes worshiped in the Manley Memorial Church, the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church. Negroes felt the need of a church of their own. Sermons were continuously preached from the text "Servants be obedient to your masters at all times." Being children of the living God, they realized that it was he to whom they owed allegiance. Loyal were they as slaves and servants but they longed for a supreme master, the true friend, the everlasting Father.

This body of worshipers was known as the Black Baptists. On September 22, 1867, the group was permitted to withdraw and organize as the Lexington African Baptist Church. They were counseled, best wishes were extended and friendly feelings prevailed. Meetings were held in many places prior to the church that stood on the land next to our present church (on the north side).

Reverend Milton Smith, who was reared in the community and baptized in the Manley Baptist Church in 1841, was their leader. He must have been to the early church as Moses was to the children of Israel. Reverend Smith led the group for five years. After Reverend Smith, the following ministers preached: Reverend Elliot, Reverend T.L. Jackson, Reverend G.B. Howard, Reverend Troy, Reverend J.L. Barksdale, Reverend H.M. Moss and Reverend G.T. Johnson. The church just mentioned was used approximately twenty-six years. The membership purchased the lot next to their church and decided to erect a new building.

Brother David Humbles gave the first \$25.00. Other courageous souls joining the crusade were Brother Lylburn Downing, Joe Edmonson, Harvey Harper, Hugh Harvey, Richard Osborne, Robert Price and Phillip Pryor. Many gifts were made by friends and the laborers. The previously mentioned and others gathered after working all day and dug the foundation. The women held lanterns to provide working light as there was not any electricity in Lexington. Later came the masons. They were the

Moores from Amherst, Virginia. Mr. Ira Poindexter, a Lexington citizen, helped them. Mr. Richard Jones and helpers were the carpenters, hence the edifice we now worship in became a reality.

On July 4, 1894, the cornerstone was laid. Members and friends worked hard under the leadership of the late Dr. W.J. Johnson.

The membership joined the Baptist General Association now known as the Baptist Allied Bodies, established in 1898. Virginia Union University was and continues to be for the training of young men religiously. We continued to support the ideas until 1955.

Monday night, September 29, 1905, was an exciting and interesting occasion at First Baptist Church. The record states that 1400 persons attended. The mortgage was paid and the bonds were burned by the bondsmen and the late Sadie Lewis. The late Reverend P.S. Lewis was the pastor. Addresses were made by Doctors Howard, Moss and Johnson who returned for the occasion. The late Reverend Charles Manley, Dr. Howe of Washington and Lee University and B.E. Vaughn, President of First National Bank, addressed the audience and emphasized the pleasant relations existing between the races in Lexington.

The pastors serving us in our present church as well as Reverend Scott, who is to be installed, follow: the late Dr. W.T. Johnson, the late Dr. P.S. Lewis, the late Dr. Lucas, the late Reverend Carruthers, the late Reverend Tynes, the late Reverend Brinkley, the late Reverend Thurston, the late Reverend Gonslaves, the late Reverend Cook, the late Reverend Goodgame, Reverend Mitchell, Reverend Green, Reverend Crawford, Reverend Cooper, Reverend Sims, Reverend Cofield, Reverend Trotman, Reverend Rainey, Reverend Anthony and Reverend Scott.

Our accomplishments have been many. Our church is modernly equipped and inviting. The

gospel has been preached and souls have been won. We take this opportunity to thank all that have made us happy as we celebrate our 113th Anniversary. We pray that generations yet to be born will realize

the sacrifices made by our forefathers. May we press onward and upward dedicating ourselves to a greater service to God.



MRS. LAURETTE G. RUCKER  
*Church Historian and Our  
Oldest Female Member*

The information stated was found in :

Morton History- Rockbridge County, 1920

Material- Manley Memorial Baptist Church Library

Submitted October 19, 1980 by Mrs. Laura Etta Rucker

## History of the First Baptist Church in Lexington VA 1980-1992

The newly appointed committee on history for 1992 and the 125th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, VA continues where Mrs. Laura Etta Rucker stopped in 1980.

In the year of 1980, the Reverend James H. Scott was called as the 27th pastor of the First Baptist Church since its beginning in 1867. The installation for Reverend Scott was held November 23 of that year. Since his home was in Staunton, VA, he continued to live there and commuted to Lexington each Sunday for worship services. Reverend Scott also attended all business meetings, funerals and weddings. He was a very good preacher. His sermons were short but always full of spirit. Many souls were saved during his time here. The main sanctuary was painted, a new roof was placed on the church, new carpet was laid on the floor and a new public speaking system was installed. Reverend Scott pastored here for five years, resigning in 1985. During his stay here, the church parsonage was rented to a military officer, who was stationed with the ROTC at Virginia Military Institute, and his family.

From time to time, a supply of ministers preached at First Baptist Church on most Sundays. Some were aspiring to become the pastor. Even so, the pulpit committee did not hear anyone that they agreed to present to the church. Later in 1985, an Air Force chaplain, Johnny Stewart, stationed at Virginia Military Institute in the ROTC Department, consented to supply the pulpit each Sunday at First Baptist Church as an interim pastor until the vacancy was filled or until his assignment at VMI was at an end. The membership continued to work together in harmony, though some were not completely satisfied with this arrangement. Reverend Stewart and his family stayed over a year. A banquet of appreciation was extended to him at the end of his Air Force assignment at VMI in November 1986.

Then, again, the members began hearing other ministers brought by the pulpit committee. One such

minister was our present pastor, the Reverend James B. Harris from Waynesboro, VA by way of Louisa, VA. He preached his first sermon after being called by the church on Sunday, April 5, 1987 and was installed as the pastor on Sunday, June 4 of that year.

This year, 1992, is Reverend Harris's fifth year as the 28th installed pastor of First Baptist Church. Many worthwhile efforts have been accomplished since he has been here. The membership has grown through baptism, Christian experience and by letter. A second choir has been organized by Reverend Harris, who serves here in the church and accepts engagements at other churches in the area. A Board of Christian Education was organized in 1990. The Budget and Finance Committee has been rejuvenated, the church restrooms have been remodeled and new doors now grace all the outside entrances of the church. The word of God is preached from the pulpit each Sunday morning for all who enter the sanctuary. Prayer meeting and Bible study are held at the church on Wednesday evenings with Reverend Harris as the leader. He works diligently on the spiritual aspects of the church.

Many highlights have transpired over these 125 years at the First Baptist Church. Just to name only a few:

1. On April 16, 1886, the Rockbridge County News, a local weekly paper, gave this account as current news:  
*"On last Sunday, about 75 converts of the First Baptist Church (colored) were baptized in the North River. It took one hour and was witnessed by at least 1000 people."*  
  
The Reverends Troy and Barkes were pastors in 1886.
2. The laying of the Cornerstone in this present church on July 4, 1894 certainly must have been a highlight as well as the first worship service in this new edifice.

3. The burning of the mortgage on May 28, 1905 with such a great attendance. The Reverend P. S. Lewis was then pastor.
4. In May of 1931, the Negro Republican congressman Oscar De Priest from the first district of Chicago spoke at the First Baptist Church. He was hosted by the Walker Colored Women's Federation (no longer in existence). The Reverend John Goodgame was pastor.
5. In September of 1937, the Masonic Lodges of Virginia met at First Baptist Church for three days. The Reverend Corey Mitchell was pastor.
6. The Baptist General Sunday School Convention convened at this church in July 1952. The Reverend Peter Crawford had just been called.
7. The first homecoming was held on the second Sunday of August in 1965. Reverend Curtis Coefield was the pastor then.

The historical committee for the 125th Anniversary was unable to find any minute books or ledgers kept over the past years for a factual history of this church. It is hoped that as each year unfolds and as each ledger is completed that the writings of business meetings will be kept on file, either in the church office or some other safe place where committees may have access to them for information when needed.

The highlights written in the last section of the church history were taken from newspaper clippings, past church bulletins, the bondsmen picture in the main sanctuary, personal diaries and from memory. We feel that much is possibly missing from both of these history writings due to the lack of any church clerks minute books. Never the less, God has richly blessed this congregation for these past 125 years. We have been left a great heritage for future generations.

Written by Alice Morrison Moore

Gratefully submitted by the Historical Committee, 1992

Edwin Walker  
 Elaine Mack Payne  
 Jacqueline Corbin Pleasants  
 Alice Morrison Moore



THE REVEREND J. B. HARRIS, PASTOR

## Upon This Rock : A Message from Our Pastor

The founding fathers of this church are to be commended for their insight and courage as they ventured into an unknown realm. That historic night of September 22, 1867, when the "colored members" of Manley Baptist Church asked for and obtained letters of dismissal, stands as a monument for freedom we now enjoy. It took a great deal of fortitude to stand up for what those folks felt was right.

I am proud, but humbled, to be a part of the rich history of First Baptist as its current pastor. Words are inadequate to describe the joy I feel as being here to celebrate this grand experience with the membership.

I am sure that the founding fathers realized the hurdles and seeming insurmountable odds facing them as they took on the task of establishing a new church. In spite of this, they commanded a spirit of faith that was unshakable and moved forward with the building of an organism that would affect the spiritual lives of African Americans in this area.

Now, today, 125 years later, the challenge has not diminished. In this late 20th century society, we are faced with some of the same problems that they faced. Our task, however, should be easier because of the advancement in education, jobs and social change.

The mission of the church has not changed in that souls still need to be saved. The church has to be the catalyst for change. It must reach out to save dying men and women from sin and turn them to Jesus. We need to continue the spread of the gospel. We must encourage those outside of Christ to seek the first kingdom of God and His righteousness. We have to be the eyes and ears of the community. We must reach out to families, children, young people and the elderly and proclaim a message of hope. We cannot abandon anyone.

Furthermore, we must lay aside all things that would divide us and become united in Christ, guided by the scriptures and led by the Holy Spirit. We must be submitted and surrendered to the will of God through Jesus Christ.

The founders of this church seemed to have taken their cue from Jeremiah 32:27: Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me? With this divine expression of faith, First Baptist must reach for the hand of God, set its sights on higher spiritual things and move deliberately forward into the 21st century. We must believe and know that there is nothing too hard for God.

Let us exercise our faith and fight the good fight of faith. Let us renew our minds in the things of Christ. May God richly bless you, may His face smile on you and His love surround you always.

*Rev. James B. Harris*  
 James B. Harris, Pastor



MABEL POINDEXTER  
*Church Clerk*

ELVIA BROOK  
*Deputy Treasurer and Organist*

WILLIE G. PRICE  
*Financial Secretary*



BRENDA MILLER  
*Church Secretary*



IRENE THOMPSON  
*Sunday School Superintendent*



ROBERT PRICE, WILSON HANCE, *Sextons* (Not pictured: Howard Jones)



BOARD OF DEACONS — JOHN DOUGLAS, EDLOW MORRISON, CHAIRMAN. (Not pictured Hughey Johnson, Sr., Hughey Johnson, Jr., Walter C. Lyle, William Washington.)



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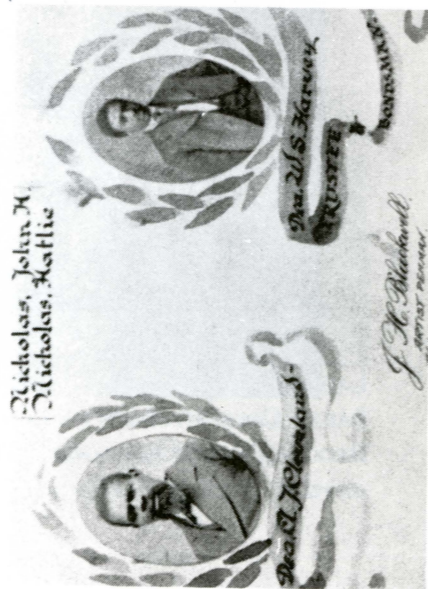


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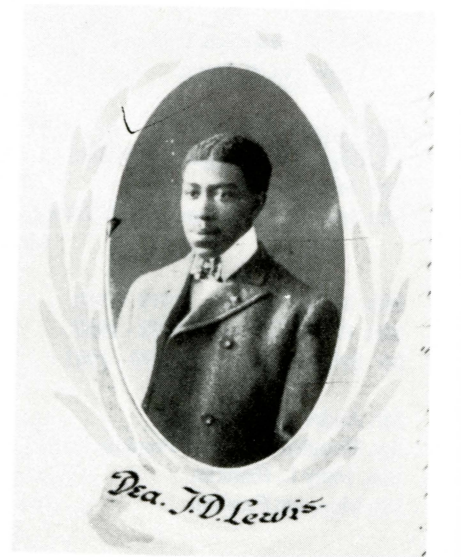
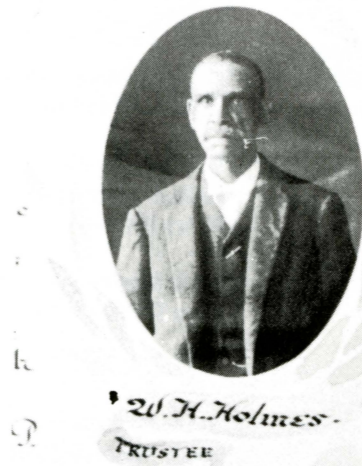
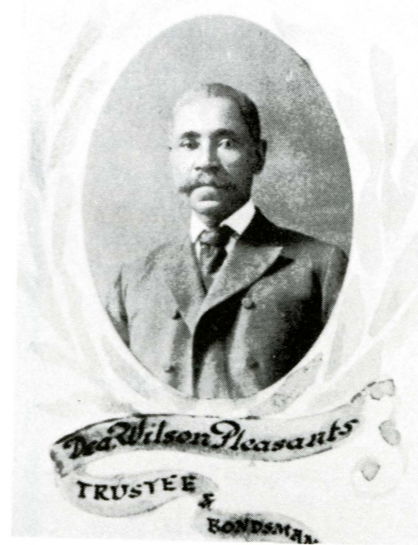
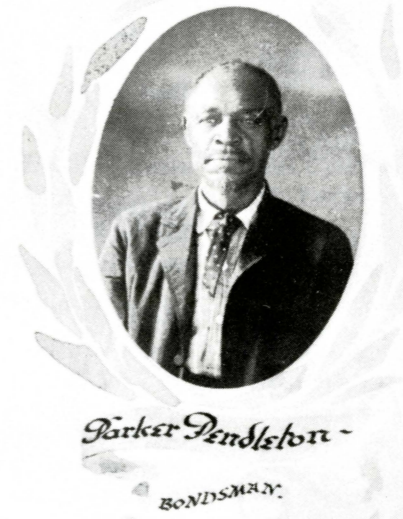
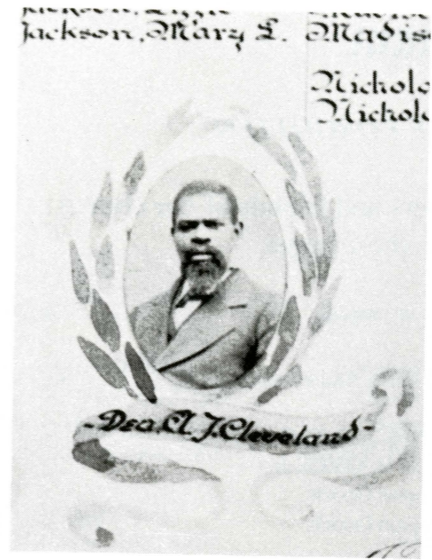


MEN'S CLUB — ROBERT PRICE, BERNARD BUTLER, E.T. WALKER, JR., PRESIDENT; PRESTON HENDERSON, W. HANCE, JOHN DOUGLAS, T. LEWIS, G. EVANS. (Not pictured: Walter Lewis, Howard Jones, E. Morrison.)

Founding Fathers



Founding Fathers



# In Memoriam

"TO BE TRULY DEAD IS TO BE FORGOTTEN"

In loving memory of these relatives, members and friends of our church and community, we dedicate these pages.

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	NAME	REMEMBERED BY
Ms. Ann Alexander	Ms. Alice Ware	Mr. William Andrew Gilliam, Jr.	Constance Woodford
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		Ms. Louise Gooch	
Mr. Herbert Anderson 2/1916 - 9/1974		Mr. Peyton Gooch	Mrs. Mabel Alexander
Mrs. Samantha Anderson 9/1914 - 1/1988			
Mrs. Mary R. Atkinson 2/1896 - 1/1984		Mrs. Betty Harris	Alice Sloan
Mrs. Etta Mae Alexander	Mabel F. Poindexter	Mrs. Delmo Hartwill 7/1913 - 1/1984	Mabel Poindexter
		Mrs. Janie Hassell 1890-1967	Doris Porterfield
Forest W. Beal, Sr. 12/1887 - 5/1978		Mrs. Marie Kinney 6/1896 - 5/1989	Mabel F. Poindexter
Saluda L. Beal 3/1892 - 7/1979	Janie M. Carter		
		Daphne Bowyer Kent	Ella Bowyer
Alice W. Blackburn 12/1927 - 7/1990	Alice Walker		Peggy Hughes
Mrs. Faultine Borgus	Mabel F. Poindexter		Mary Dobson
		Ms. Gracie Kyle 7/1926 - 1/1990	
Edward Bowyer		Mr. Quintus Kyle 5/1917 - 3/1982	
Mary Tinsley Bowyer	Family: Ella Bowyer	Mrs. Willie J. Kyle 12/1888 - 1/1977	Mabel Poindexter
Robert Bowyer, Sr.	Peggy Hughes		
Robert Bowyer, Jr.	Mary Dobson		
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Mrs. Hallie J. Brooks	Elvia D. Brooks	Mrs. Ethel Lewis	Hortense Walker
Mrs. Frances E. Brown 1915-1982	George Evans	Mr. J.B. Lewis, Sr. 1902 - 1979	Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Lewis, Jr.
Mr. Leslie H. Cauthern, Sr.	Mrs. Inez Cauthern	Walter Lewis	Hortense Walker
		Mrs. Martha Price Lias	Mrs. Laura Rucker
Mr. Andrew J. Cleveland		Mrs. Lucretia Liggins 6/1900-1/1980	Mabel F. Poindexter
Mrs. Henrietta Brown Cleveland	Mrs. Laura E. Rucker	Mrs. Lucy Lindsay	Louise Johnson
		Bessie Wilson Lyle	A. Blonda Skinner
Mr. Daniel H. Colbert 1915-1967	Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Lewis, Jr.	Mrs. Edna Lyle	Mr. Walter C. Lyle
		Janie Gooch Johnson	Janie Oglesby
Mr. & Mrs. Llewellyn V. Davis		Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson	The Johnson Children
Mr. Llewellyn W. Davis	Elvia D. Brooks	William Mack	Elaine Payne
		James R. Mays	Joan Mays
Sarah Davis 1825-1903	Alice M. Moore		
Mr. Eugene W. Douglas 1915-1985	Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Lewis, Jr.	David M. Moore 1906-1982	
Mrs. Molly F. Dunn	Mabel F. Poindexter	Alexander Morrison	Alice M. Moore
Mrs. Maggie V. Edmundson 1877-1966	Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Lewis, Jr.		
		C. Wilson Morrison 1910-1968	Edlow Morrison
Mrs. Mary T. Evans 1919 - 1987		Della B. Morrison 1890-1933	Alice M. Moore
Mrs. Pinkie C. Evans 1892 - 1967		Henry Morrison	Mrs. Mabel Alexander
Mr. Sylvester G. Evans 1890 - 1961	George Evans		
		Maria Morrison	
Mr. Andrew Franklin		Mary D. Morrison 1853-1894	Alice M. Moore
Sgt. Douglas McArthur Franklin 5/1944-8/1967			
Mrs. Mary L. Franklin		Pauline W. Morrison	Mrs. Inez Cauthern
Mr. Morrison Franklin	Mabel F. Poindexter		
		Samuel Morrison 1878-1956	
		Sandy Morrison 1878-1956	Alice M. Moore

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	NAME	REMEMBERED BY
S. Henry Morrison 1910-1988	Edlow Morrison	Mrs. Sylvia B. Smith	Deborah S. Caesar
Mrs. Nora T. Murchison 1915-1987	George Evans	Mrs. Ethel Sparrow	Louise Johnson
Jamima Osborne Murray 1902-1968	Elaine Payne		
Mrs. Bessie Nicholas 5/1908-1991	Mabel F. Poindexter	Mrs. Ethel Sparrow 4/1903-7/1977	
		Mrs. Evelyn K. Strawbridge 7/1928-3/1991	
Mrs. Caroline Nicholas 1938		Mrs. Marciline Strawbridge 8/1923-2/1984	Mabel F. Poindexter
Mr. John H. Nicholas 1866-1939	Alberta Day		
		Mrs. Nellie Gilliam Taylor	Constance Woodford
Thomas Osborne	Elaine Payne	John B. Thompson 8/1867-5/1942	Alice Walker
Mr. James Payne	Mabel F. Poindexter	Mrs. Mary O. Thompson 1881-1945	George Evans
		Ms. Daisy Tinsley	Alberta N. Day
Mr. Edward Poindexter 8/1919-12/1982		Reid C. Waller	Joan Mays
Mrs. Majorie R. Poindexter 1/1933-11/1983		Reid C. Waller	Katherine Waller
Mrs. Nannie P. Poindexter 5/1900-9/1976		Edwin T. Walker, Sr. 11/1904-10/1965	Alice Walker
Mr. Robert Poindexter		Leon Walker	Hortense Walker
Mrs. Winona Poindexter 5/1926-12/1983	Mabel F. Poindexter	Mrs. Cynthia Ware	Mrs. Lucy Harvey
		Mrs. Estella Washington	Mrs. Anna Troxler
Ruth R. Porter	Elizabeth Porter		
		Albert B. Watts 1/1922-1/1983	
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Mrs. Laura Cleveland Price	Mrs. Laura Rucker	Charles "Jeff" Watts 10/1909-7/1972	
		Rose B. Watts 12/1890-11/1963	Laura E. Watts
Mrs. Laura C. Price	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Price		
		Susie M. Whittington 1911-1984	Edlow A. Morrison
Mrs. Martha Slow Price			
Mr. Robert H. Price		Mrs. Hannah Williams	
Mr. William L. Price	Mrs. Laura Rucker	Mr. Harry Williams	
		Mr. Maceo Williams	Mrs. Helen R. Williams
Mr. William L. Price	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Price		
Mrs. W.W. Pusey	Dr. W.W. Pusey and Family	Michelle Williams	Elaine Payne
Mrs. Mary E. Ransom 1942	Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Lewis, Jr.		
		Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wood, Sr.	
Mrs. Berneice Sandidge 1911-1963	Mrs. Doris Porterfield	Joseph Wood, Jr.	Elizabeth Porter
Mr. John H. Scott	Delores S. Harris		
Mrs. Bertha Sloan	Alice Sloan	Mr. George Woodford	Constance Woodford
Mrs. Aldena W. Smith	Elvia D. Brooks		

*Deacon John A. Johnson Family  
in Memoriam*

• PARENTS •

1884 - 1954 — John A. Johnson, Chair Deacon Board  
1884 - 1961 — Ida Morrison Johnson, Ladies Auxiliary

• CHILDREN •

1905 - 1983 — Lettie J. Gooch  
1906 - 1980 — William Lynwood Johnson  
1913 - 1986 — John A. Johnson, Jr.  
1916 - 1984 — Rosalia J. Manning  
1925 - 1952 — Sidney Elmore Johnson

• GRANDCHILD •

1961 - 1986 — Michael Johnson

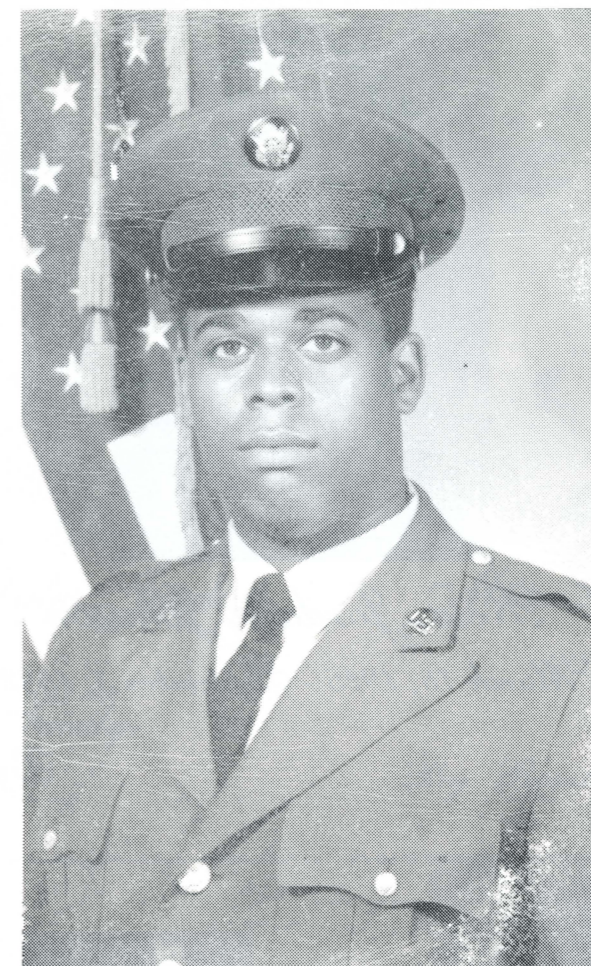
• SON-IN-LAWS •

1909 - 1985 — Edward Irvine Poindexter  
- 1951 — Alexander Gooch  
- 1984 — Harrison Johnson



*Deacon and Mrs. John A. Johnson*

*Remembered by Sarah J. Check, Esther J. Linder and Louise J. Mikell*



*In Memoriam  
1953 - 1978 Wilson M. Porterfield II*

*Remembered by:*

*Mrs. Doris Porterfield  
Mr. Wilson Porterfield  
Mrs. Sharon Pennick  
Mrs. Elizabeth Porterfield  
Mr. Wilson Porterfield III  
Mr. Richard Merchant  
Mr. Jay Henderson*

*Ms. Gayle Porterfield  
Ms. Charlene Porterfield  
Mrs. Bernice Branch  
Mr. Jonathan Porterfield  
Miss Helga Porterfield  
Ms. Altheada Henderson*



*Rose Jordan Johnson*  
*March 18, 1925 - September 3, 1992*

*By: Joyce J. Tucker*



Nothing On Earth Is Forever Yours,  
Only the Love of the Lord Endures.

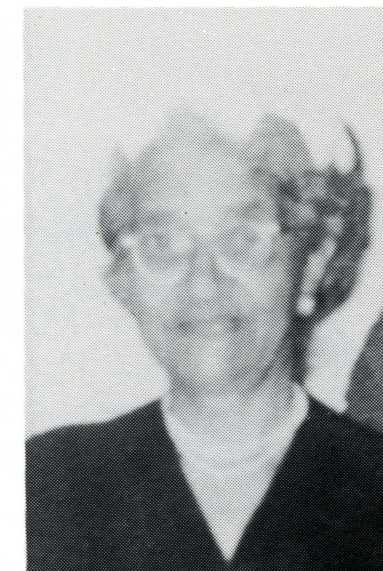
*Sarah Hoffman Pleasants*  
*Dr. Alfred W. Pleasants, Sr.*  
*Dr. Alfred W. Pleasants, Jr.*  
*January 8, 1911 - September 22, 1990*

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.*  
*Matthew 11:28*



*Mrs. Lucy Styles Jordan*

*By: Her Family*



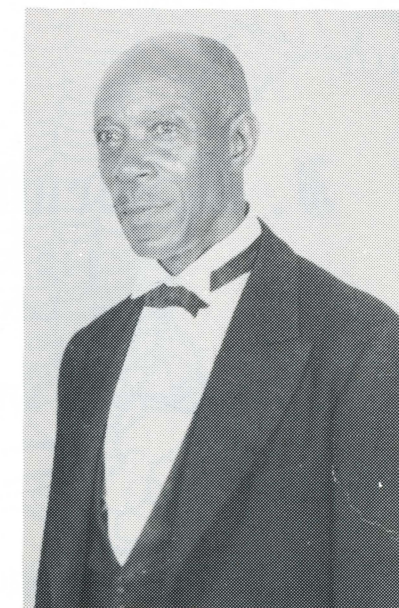
*Mrs. Lelia Mack*  
*1886 - 1972*

*By: Rosalya M. Wiggins*



*William & Louise Osborne*  
*1909 - 1975      1911 - 1978*

*By: Rosalya M. Wiggins*



*Matthew Paxton Osborne*  
*1873 - 1970*

*By: Warner Mack*

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**J. B. Lewis Funeral Service**

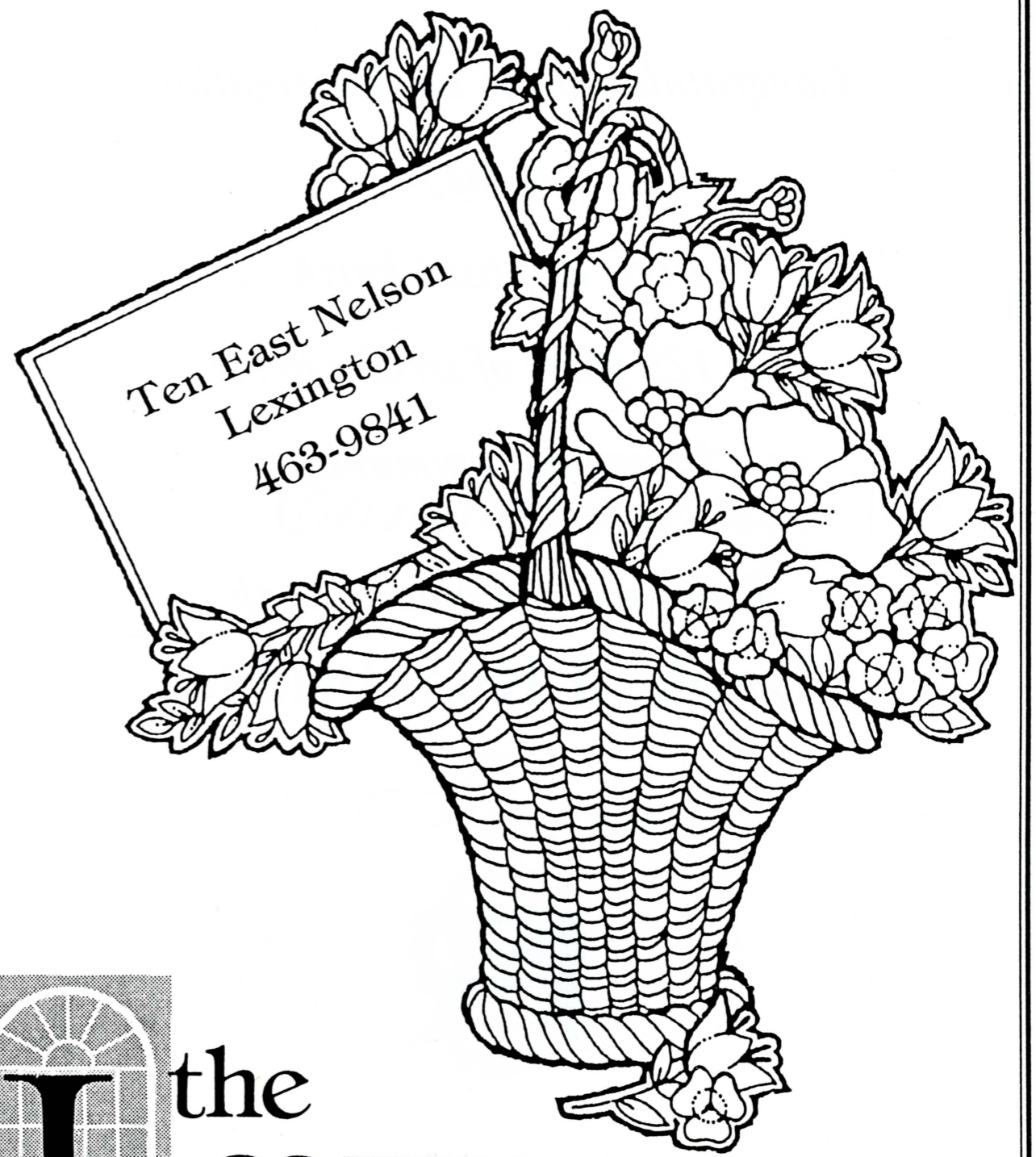
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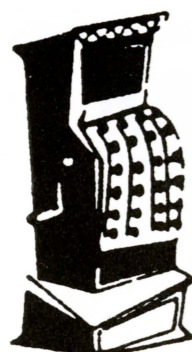
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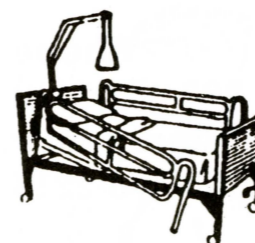


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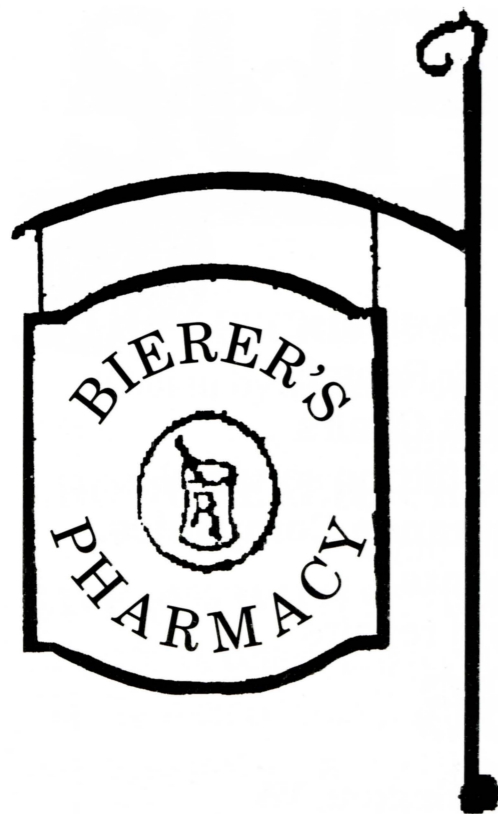
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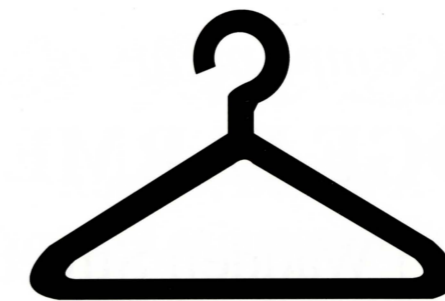
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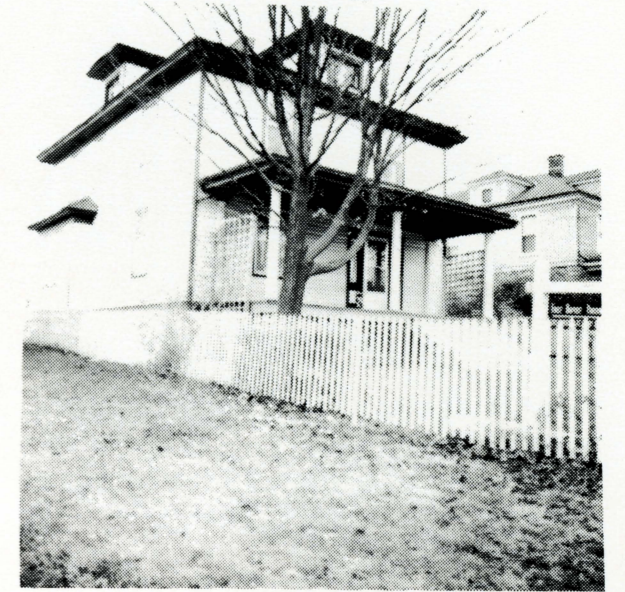
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