# Native Baltimorean, James Winder, reminisces during visit back to city

James B. Winder of Pleasantville, N.J., recently visited Baltimore to take pictures of the Orchard Street Church. This famous local monument played an important part in Mr. Winder's life, therefore, it holds a special place in his celebration of the nation's Bicentennial.

Mr. Winder told the AFRO his story:

"I was born on March 26, 1896, on Orchard St., either next to or very close to the Orchard Street Church. At that time, and for years after, it was called 'The Metropolitan Church.' It was Methodist, but I don't remember if it was AME or just Methodist Episcopal.

"I was the second son born to John and Mrs. Carrie (Smith) Winder. My father was Christened at the St. James Presbyterian Episcopal Church.

"I was then rrnto John and Mrs. Carrie (Smith) Winder. My brother, Charles was born on Feb. 3, 1984, and was Christened at the St. James Presbyterian Episcopal Church.

"My mother died when we were very young — I was only three months old. My brother and I were raised by our paternal grandmother and my father's family.

"When I was young, I became gravely ill and my aunts, fearful for my life, rushed me next door to the church and I was Christened right there. I think the pastor's name was Rev. Holmes."

The Winder family moved several times during Mr. Winder's youth, finally settling at 1033 Argyle Ave. He remembers this with excitement, as, across the street lived Joe Gans, the great lightweight boxing champion.

At that time, the Winder brothers started school. Later, when they were wondering why they started school so late (Mr. Winder was eight, and his brother, 10), they were told that there were no colored teachers before.

JAMES B. WINDER of Pleasantville, N.J. was born near and christened in the Orchard St. Church around the turn of the century.

Mr. Winder stated, "But my aunts taught us to read at home, anyway, and when we got to school, we were both skipped a grade. With my being playful, though, Charles left me a grade behind and it stayed that way until he quit school."

The Winders started at the Biddle Street School and continued on to the Druid Hill Ave. School where Miss Molly Rodman was principal.

The family moved again, this time to 1701 Druid Hill, at the corner of Division. A central location, from there Mr. Winder and his brother could walk to school during the week and to the Metropolitan Church on Orchard Street on Sundays.

"Our father, who had married Miss Lottie Downs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Downs, lived at 1116 Druid Hill Ave., where he conducted a cleaning and dyeing business," Mr. Winder continued.

"My brother and I went to live with them. I stayed and went to The Baltimore City Colored High and Training School (now known as Douglass High School), while my brother quit and went off to Atlantic City.

"After three years in high school, I also went to Atlantic City. When I got there, I was surprised to learn that my brother was playing the trumpet. My father was a musician and he had taught me to play the clarinet and the oboe."

Mr. Winder and his brother joined the Elks' band in Atlantic City and began traveling to play at Elk conventions.

Mr. Winder recalled, "We used to march the military draftees to the train, playing 'God Be With You, 'Til We Meet Again.' But, soon came my time to enter the service. I didn't brother to wait for a draft notice. I just wrote to the colonel of the 350 Field Artillerz Band and was accepted. I went to the train alone."

Mr. Winder spent much of his time in the Army in France. After being discharged, his military band stayed intact and traveled on the S. H. and Lee Schubert theatrical circuit. The band played one-night stands up and down the East Coast.

He told the AFRO, "When that ended, I went to New York and met an old friend at the YMCA. He got me to go with him to the Marcus Garvey Liberty Hall.

"On the platform, I saw many of my old Army buddies. I met a Mr. Isles, the leader, and he gave me a job playing in that band.

"I stayed with them until the band broke up. Then another Army buddy and I went to Bermuda to work, and we ended up in a Garvey band there. When that was over, we went to his home near Coatesville and worked in a hotel."

In Coatesville, Mr. Winder met the former Miss Lucy Boyd. They soon married and settled in Atlantic City. There Mr. Winder was employed at the Post Office for over 37 years before his recent retirement as a carrier.

Mr. Winder and his now-deceased wife had four children, two girls and two boys. They are:

Mrs. Dorothy Manning, a special reading teacher in Pleasantsville, is married to a teacher and pitcher for the Negro Baseball League. She is the mother of two boys and two girls. They are graduates of the Hampton Institute, Morgan, and Glassboro State College, and one son is still in high school.

Another daughter, Katharyn, is a beautician and mother of two. Her son is an electricial technician and her daughter is a dental technician.

James Jr. is a graduate of Glassboro and Howard University Law School. He is presently employed by the U.S. Legal Service in New-Orleans where he lives with his wife and two of their three children. One son, James III, is a student at Howard.

Paul, a graduate of Morgan State University, reached the rank of 1st lieutenant at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base in California. He ran track in the U.S. Olympics in Rome. A widower and father of two boys, he now operates the Black Image Cocktail and Supper Lounge at Franklin and Paca Sts.

A widower of 1973, Mr. Winder said, "I now live in Pleasantsville, near by two daughters and their children. I attend the St. Mary's Episcopal Church there."

LT. E. V. CLARK and Tfc N. N. Brown welcoming new recruits to the State Police Academy.

**OCT. 14**
In 1917 ten thousand blacks marched in New York City to protest the many lynchings that were taking place throughout the U.S.

**OCT. 15**
In 1846, black inventor Norbert Rillieux revolutionized the sugar refining industry with his invention of the evaporating pan.

**OCT. 16**
John Brown's band attacks the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, 1859.

**OCT. 17**
Birth of black poet Jupiter Hammon in New York in 1711. His first poem, "An Evening Thought," was published in 1760.

**OCT. 18**
The Volunteer Chasseurs was the name of the black regiment from Haiti that fought on the side of the Patriots during the Seige of Savannah, 1779.

**OCT. 19**
The first annual meeting of the National Equal Rights League was held in Cleveland, Ohio, 1865.

**OCT. 20**
Henry Louis Aaron (Hank Aaron) broke Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974.

**OCT. 21**
John H. Conyers was the first black man admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy, 1872.

**OCT. 22**
Death of jazz musician Sidney Bechet in 1959.

**OCT. 23**
Virginia passed an act in 1783 emancipating slaves who had fought on the side of the Patriots during the Revolutionary War.

**OCT. 24**
Thomas Downing, black businessman, owned a restaurant in the Wall Street area of New York from 1820-1866.

**OCT. 25**
In 1644 eleven blacks in New York presented a petition to the Dutch Governor protesting slavery. The petition was granted and each was given a tract of land.

**OCT. 26**
Patricia R. Harris was the first black woman ambassador. She served in Luxembourg in 1965.


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## McCormick Challenges The Future...

Key management team meets to discuss the formation of its new grocery products division of McCormick & Co., Inc.

**Left to Right: Dick Frisch — Director of Adv. and Brand Management; Howard Marshall — Manager Employee and Community Relations; Carter Parkinson — Executive V.P., and General Manager; John Doub — Vice President of Operations; William Eberhart — Chairman Multiple Management Board — Administration; George Lincoln, Chairman Multiple Management Board-Operations.**

**... As the nation observes The Bicentennial Celebration, McCormick throughout its organization is pledged to the future.**

McCormick & Company, Inc. is proud of the role it plays as the modern world's leading seasoning and flavoring house.

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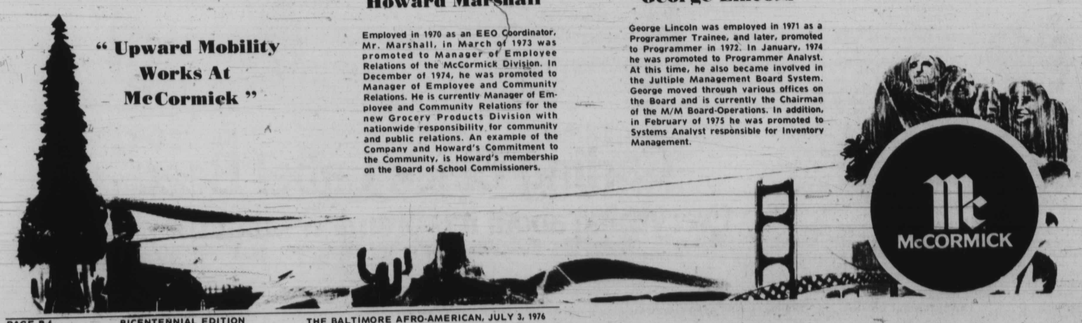
**Howard Marshall**

Employed in 1970 as an EEO Coordinator, Mr. Marshall, in March of 1973 was promoted to Manager of Employee Relations of the McCormick Division. In December of 1974, he was promoted to Manager of Employee and Community Relations. He is currently Manager of Employee and Community Relations for the new Grocery Products Division with nationwide responsibility for community and public relations. An example of the Company and Howard's Commitment to the Community, is Howard's membership on the Board of School Commissioners.

**George Lincoln**

George Lincoln was employed in 1971 as a Programmer Trainee, and later, promoted to Programmer in 1972. In January, 1974 he was promoted to Programmer Analyst. At this time, he also became involved in the Jultiple Management Board System. George moved through various offices on the Board and is currently the Chairman of the M/M Board-Operations. In addition, in February of 1975 he was promoted to Systems Analyst responsible for Inventory Management.



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## — Congressional Medal of Honor


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ducted into service in 1968.

Platoon Sergeant Matthew Leonard, Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division: Sgt. Leonard was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1967 for "conspicuous gallantry and interpidity in action" during combat operations near Suoi Da in Vietnam. Surviving numerous assaults and several gunshot wounds, Leonard showed remarkable "fighting spirit" and qualities of "heroic leadership." Leonard is a native of Eutaw, Alabama, and was born on Nov. 26, 1929.

Sergeant Donald Russell Long, Troop C, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division: Sgt. Long was killed in action during an attack on his troop by a Viet Cong regiment on June 30, 1966. Long abandoned the relative safety of his armored personnel carrier and exposed himself to withering enemy fire while carrying the wounded to evacuation helicopters. He was killed by an exploding grenade whose shock he absorbed with his body. Born Aug. 27, 1939, Long was a native of Blackfork, Ohio.

Captain Riley Leroy Pitts, Company C, 2nd Battalin, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division: Capt. Pitts died in Vietnam on Oct. 31, 1967 after leading an airmobile assault in the vicinity of Ap Dong Vietnam. The captain risked his life when a grenade which he had lobbed against the entrenched enemy rebounded off the dense jungle foliage and threatened to explode in the midst of his men. Pitts fell on the grenade but, miraculously, it failed to explode. He was later mortally wounded during an exchange of gunfire with the enemy. Captain Pitts, a native of Fallis, Oklahoma, was born Oct. 15, 1937.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Calvin Rogers, 1st Ballation, 5th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division: Rogers is the highest-ranking black officer to have received the Medal of Honor while on active duty in Vietnam. Rogers served in the embattled country from Nov., 1967 to Nov. 1968, and was cited for exceptional gallantry while on duty with the 1st Infantry Division. Despite several wounds, Colonel Rogers rallied the beleaguered men-of a fire support base which was in danger of being overrun by a numerically superior enemy, and prevented it from being captured. Rogers' citation signed out his "relentless spirit of aggressiveness, conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action."

First Lieutenant Ruppert L. Sargent, HQ&HQ Company, 3rd Battalio, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division: Lt. Sergeant died in action on March 15, 1967.

Specialist Five Clarence Eugene Sasser, HQ & HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division: Medical aidman Clarence E. Sasser was awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his heroic efforts, under fire, on behalf of wounded comrades stranded in an exposed rice paddy. Sasser himself was wounded, but stayed at his post for several hours tending to others. Born Sept. 12, 1947 in Chenango, Texas, Sasser is a graduate of Marshall High School in Angleton, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Chester Sims, Company D, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division: Squad leader Sims distinguished himself in action on Feb. 21, 1968 while his company was engaged in a furious assault of a heavily fortified enemy position. While advancing his unit, Sims heard the unmistakable noise of a concealed booby trap and unhesitatingly hurled himself on the device, absorbing its shock with his body. Vice President Agnew presented the medal posthumously at the White House on December 21, 1969. Sims, a native of Port Saint Joe, Fla., was born June 18, 1942.

First Leiutenant John E. Warren, Jr., Company C, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division: The bravery of Lt. Warren cost him his life in Vietnam on Jan. 14, 1969. Warren and his men were moving through a rubber plantation to join a friendly unit when they were set upon by a well-fortified enemy. The lieutenant maneuvered his men to within six feet of the enemy bunker, at which point a hostile grenade was thrown into their midst. Warren fell on the grenade and saved three others. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Lt. Warren was born Nov. 16, 1946.

**NAVY MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS IN THE CIVIL WAR**

Robert Blake, U.S.S. Marblehead: While on board the U.S.S. Marblehead off Legareville in the Stono River on Dec. 25, 1863, Blake was instrumental in getting the enemy to abandon its position. His medal was awarded on April 16, 1864.

John Lawson, loader aboard the Hartford (flagship of Rear Admiral David Farragut) and James Miffin, loader aboard the Brooklyn: Both these men showed "marked courage" during the Battle of Mobile Bay on Aug. 5, 1864, and won Congressional Medals of Honor.

Joachim Pease, Seaman, U.S.S. Kearsage: Born on Long Island, N.Y., Pease served as a seaman on board the U.S.S. Kearsage, acting as loader of the ship's number two gun. His medal was awarded on Dec. 31, 1864.

Aaronson Anderson, Landsman, U.S.S. Wyandank: Anderson was Mattox Creek on March 17, 1865. His medal was awarded on June 22, 1865.

**SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR 1898**

Daniel Atkins, ship's cook, U.S.S. Cushing: Born in 1867 in Brunswick, Va., Atkins was cited for gallant conduct on Feb. 11, 1898. He attempted to save the life of Ensign Joseph C. Breckinridge who had fallen overboard at sea. His medal was awarded on May 20, 1898.

Robert Penn, Fireman First Class, U.S.S. Iowa: Born Oct. 10, 1872 in City Point, Va., Penn was cited for valor while on board the U.S.S. Iowa off Santiago, Cuba on July 20, 1898. His medal was awarded on Dec. 14, 1898.

One Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded during peacetime — to Joseph B. Boil, a seaman aboard the U.S.S. Powhatan. Born n 1841 in Nova Scotia, Noll was cited for saving boatswain J. C. Walton from drowning on Dec. 26, 1872. His medal was awarded on May, 20, 1898.

AIRMAN JOHNNIE L. BAILEY, a 1975 graduate of Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School, has ben selected for training in the Air Force communications electronics systems field. Son of Mrs. Lillie M. Bailey, 500 block E. 41st. St. Airman Bailey has completed basic training.

### Dates to remember

**JUNE 19**
Black persons in Texas celebrate Emancipation Day on this date and refer to it as "Juneteenth," since on this day news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached the slaves.

**JUNE 20**
Black athlete Marshall "Major" Taylor was born in 1878. He was known as the "Fastest Bicycle Rider in the World."

**JUNE 21**
Murder of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schewerner in Philadelphia, Miss. in 1964.

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