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Two celebrate reaching the 100-year-old mark

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AFRO Church Writer

Mrs. Eva Williams, celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday, Jan. 6 at Israel Baptist Church located on the corner of Preston and Chester Sts.

Mrs. Williams was born in Washington, D.C. on New Years day in 1890, to John and Ezibella Day.

Mrs. Williams was educated in the D.C. school system. She converted at an early age, and was baptized at the 19th St. Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

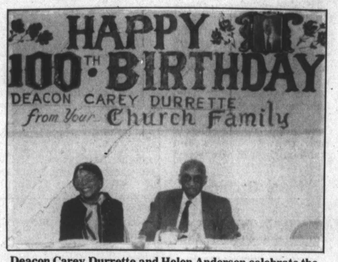
Mrs. Williams who was the youngest of her parents 13 children, now has no known living family.

"Mrs. Williams still gets around on the bus by herself and is very active in church," states Mrs. Joyce McNair, giver of the birthday celebration.

In 1917, Mrs. Williams moved to Baltimore and joined First Baptist Church, 525 N. Caroline St. under the late Rev. Albert Green in 1919.

Later she joined Grace Memorial Baptist Church where she served as president of the ushers for 10 years.

The second Sunday of April 1942, Mrs. Williams became a member of Israel Baptist.



Deacon Carey Durrette and Helen Anderson celebrate the deacon's 100th birthday celebration.

Today, Mrs. Williams is the oldest active member of the usher board in age and time. Mrs. Williams has to her service at Israel, 19 years as a aide to the pastors auxiliary;

And, 15 years to the J. H. Williams Member Club where she just finished a three year presidency.

Mrs. Williams is now serving as financial secretary of the J. H. Williams Club.

Mrs. Williams was honored at her birthday celebration by a host of friends and well wishers. Among them was the Hon. Kurt L. Schmoke who also sent Mrs. Williams roses.

Gov. William Donald Schaefer sent a citation and a autographed picture of himself to the honoree.

Mary Pat Clarke and Del. Hattie Harrison, District Court Judge, Paul Smith and President of the Maryland Baptist State Convention, Rev. Luther Westbrook all attended the gala affair.

Many tributes were paid to Mrs. Williams, congratulating and commending her on her steadfast and unmovable attitude.

For 100 years, Mrs. Williams has experienced many ups and downs, still she forges ahead to be the best person that she can be, never giving up, always looking to the future.

Carey Durrette entered this world on January 5, 1890, in Standerville, Virginia. He is the seventh of ten children both to Frank and Hasta Durrette.

At the age of 12, Carey accepted Christ and was baptized at Shiloh Baptist Church of Standerville, located in Green County, VA.

At the age of 19, in 1909, he left Green County to work in the mines of New River, West Virginia. He recalls a popular song of that day — "John D. Rockerfeller Put the Panic On."

He also recalls working "all" day for $1.50 a day. This also included his room and board. He boarded with his brother.

The most unpleasant part of working in the mine was staying until they told you to come out and laying on your stomach in the mine.

Several other remembrances were that the President was William Taft and that when the Titanic sank the music industry made a song about it.

Carey has always had an eye for the ladies and in 1913, when Miss Elizabeth Isabell (Bell) Eubanks of Amherst County, Va. (who also had come to New River, West Virginia, he looked no more.

She returned to Amherst in early 1914 and since romance is hard to maintain over time and distance, he went to get his lady on October 1, 1915 and married her on October 6, 1915.

Gala Wilson and Mr. Nair help celebrate Eva Williams, birthday girl still going at 100.

They came to Baltimore in 1925, where he worked at Sparrows Point and Curtis Bay Shipyard. God blessed their union with a son Charles, who passed in 1946, and a daughter Helen.

His daughter has one daughter, and she has five children. He has living, one daughter, one granddaughter and five great - grandchildren, and several nephews.

He has lots of adopted children from Waynald.

Concerning his religious work, he was a member of two churches named Shiloh in different locations in Green County and Wayland. He has been a member of Wayland for 60 years.

He was ordained a Deacon of Wayland in 1937 during the term of our second Pastor, Elisah Reynolds.

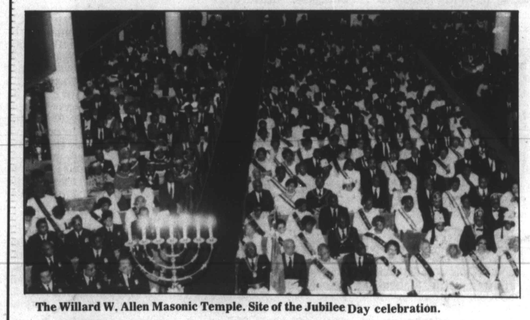
He wasinstrumental in starting a B.T.U. (Baptist Training Union) and Home Prayer Meeting at Shiloh with several other men: Deacons J. Tucker, J. Morgan, M. Stevenson and Rev. E. Reynolds. Rev. Reynolds later came to Baltimore and to Wayland.

He also served as a Sunday School Superintendent at Shiloh.

In Wayland he has been a strong advocate of the Sunday School and the Prayer Meeting. His companions were his wife and Deacon Ellis Reynolds. He has only lived in East Baltimore during his 65 years in Baltimore.

He currently resides at 2242 East Chase Street with the presence of the Lord and his faithful cat Tom, fixing his own meals everyday.

Emancipation Proclamation & Jubilee Day service



The Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple. Site of the Jubilee Day celebration.

Speakers during the Jubilee Day Celebration Dr. Calvin Burnett, President Coppin State College; Grand Master Sam Daniels, Enolia MacMillian, president of the NAACP, and George Buntin of NAACP.

Dr. James Cheeks

Hon. Parren J. Mitchell

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction and the Jubilee Day Celebration Committee of the Maryland State NAACP Branches conducted combined Emancipation Proclamation Program and Jubilee Day Service at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, Sunday, January 7.

Dr. James Cheek, President Emeritus of Howard University, was the keynote speaker. Music provided by The All Saints Catholic Church and Concord Baptist Church Choirs.

Jubilee Day is a family celebration of this important time in American history and is a legacy of African-American heritage.

According to Mrs. Enolia McMillan, National NAACP President, "Jubilee Day celebrates the initial victory in the African-American quest for freedom, justice and equal opportunities in the United States of America. It provides a starting point for our measurement of progress, and our assessment of our goals, methods and strategies necessary for all emancipation in the future."

Rev. Marion Bascom, Pastor of the Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore says, "We have attempted to preserve this time to remember. Just as the Jewish people remember the Holocaust, and Europeans will commemorate the dismantling of the Berlin Wall, Black Americans will maintain and preserve this part of our history for all generations to remember."

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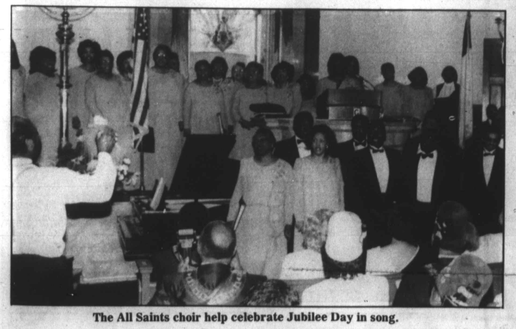

The All Saints choir help celebrate Jubilee Day in song.