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**Biographies of Real Daughters
and
Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Recipient**

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REAL DAUGHTERS



Mrs. Willie Ruth Chapman Aiken

DOB: Oct. 2, 1924

Chapter: General P.M.B. Young 2373, GA Division

Mailing Address: 3590 Rivers End Place, Buford, Georgia 30519

UDC Application Registered October 8, 2014

Willie Ruth Chapman Fowler Aiken's granddaughter contacted the UDC about membership for her grandmother. The family surprised Miss Willie by presenting the completed application for her signature on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday party when two members of the Emma Sansom Chapter gathered with the family. Chapter President Pat Millican and

Registrar Daryl Jean Gould again visited Mrs. Aiken on 28 October 2014 to present her New Member Certificate, Real Daughter Pin, a copy of the Emma Sansom Chapter Yearbook dedicated to her, and a bouquet of red and white flowers. The members of Emma Sansom Chapter felt very fortunate to have this special lady as a member and ordered insignia for her. When the Emma Sansom Chapter disbanded, Miss Willie transferred into General P.M.B. Young 2373. Miss Willie Ruth enjoys letters and cards received from chapters and individual members. She was born 2 October 1924 in Etowah County, Alabama. Her father was John B. Chapman and her mother was Brit Alice Wren Chapman. Her father served in Co E, 19th Regiment, AL Infantry, enlisting in November 1863 at Dalton, GA. His unit surrendered at Kingston, GA in 1865.



Mrs. Reba Lois Bishop Scott

DOB: May 26, 1924

Chapter: Ladies of the Plains 2696, KS CWND

Mailing Address: c/o Thomas Scott, 8638 GA Hwy 231, Harrison GA 31035-7136

UDC Application Registered August 2, 2012

Miss Reba is the daughter of John Bishop, Private, CO F, 1st Regt (Hagood's), GA. Both parents died when she was very young. She lived with family on a farm in Screven County, Georgia until moving to Savannah at the beginning of

WWII. In order to provide needed housing for workers, the government built apartments about two miles from the Southeastern Shipyards where cargo ships (Liberty ships) were built. The three sisters, Alma, Reba, and Lucy, rented one of the Deptford Homes Apartments until the end of the war. Alma, the oldest, and Lucy, the youngest, worked in the shipyard. Reba, the middle sister, worked at Union Bag Company. The only shift available was third shift, 3:00-11:00PM. Miss Reba said she had to run to catch the 11:30 bus and, if she missed it, someone had to come and pick her up. Miss Reba worked with "the most dapper ship fitter" who would drive her home after work in his Lincoln Zephyr. Yes, as you have guessed, they married. Before moving to Kansas to be close to her daughter (Ladies of the Plains Chartering President Linda Curtiss), Miss Reba lived in Sandersville, Georgia where she enjoyed baking for friends and driving them to their doctors appointments. After living in Kansas for several years, Miss Reba is back in Georgia, temporarily with her son until an opening becomes available in assisted living.

IN MEMORIAM

Real Daughter Deaths since 2019



Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell
October 1, 1917 – July 23, 2019
Chapter: Pensacola 298, FL Division

Miss Myrtice had dementia and very limited eyesight. She lived in an assisted living facility. Her father, Isaac Sims, was in Co F 6th Regt Florida Infantry. He enlisted February of 1862 at Apalachicola, Florida and was paroled at Quincy, Florida, on 22 May 1865. Before his death in 2013, her brother Buford said that their father was eighty-two years old when he was born. The 1920 census shows the family in Jackson County, Florida. On that census, Myrtice was two; her father was seventy-five and born in Mississippi. The 1930 Census shows Myrtice, brother Buford (eight years old) and mother, Rhoda, in Rocky Creek, Jackson County, Florida. Miss Myrtice had a memory board over her bed where her daughters displayed cards received from UDC members. Sometimes she had as many as seventy-five or eighty cards on the board at one time that were enjoyed by her roommate and by other residents of the assisted-living facility. She was enrolled in Pensacola 298 Chapter of UDC on April 10, 2013.



Mrs. Rachel Elaine Blackwell South
August 2, 1930 – January 5, 2021
Chapter: Madison-Mayodan Grays 2569, NC Division

Mrs. Rachel Elaine Blackwell South, youngest daughter of John Bailey Blackwell, was born August 2, 1930. She lived in the Draper area of Eden, North Carolina, all of her life. Miss Rachel retired from Fieldcrest Mill after 46 years of service. She had a vast knowledge of local history as well as information about the War Between the States. Her father was born December 14, 1847, in Rockbridge County, Virginia. He was a teenager when he enlisted at Waynesboro on December 17, 1864, with the James Marcus' Regt. 5th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery. Although the war was almost over, he was captured in the Shenandoah Valley by troops of General George A. Custer on March 2, 1865. After the 1916 death of his first wife, in 1920 he married twenty-one-year-old Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" Moore who was blind. There were six children of this marriage. In May 1924, he filed for a pension from his service in the Confederate army. On the application, he was described as "very feeble, has no property whatever; his wife is blind (total), and he is in a poor state of health." He would travel to Wentworth, the county seat of Rockingham County, North Carolina, in order to obtain his pension check. Miss Rachel was sixteen months old when her father died, and of course had no memories of him. Her mother did not share war stories with her children. Miss Rachel was approved for UDC membership in December 1995 in Madison Mayodan Greys 2569. She held chapter offices, assisted with many chapter events, and was an inspiration to many. In addition to presenting her with a Real Daughter pin, the chapter made several contributions to the UDC in her honor. She was the mother of four children, and they "lost a piece of their culture when they lost her."

Real Daughter Deaths since 2019, cont.**Mrs. Lucyle “Lucy” Bishop Arata****April 15, 1926 – May 25, 2021****Chapter: Ladies of the Plains 2696, KS CWND**

Miss Lucyle’s father, John Bishop, served as a private in Company F, 1st Infantry Regiment (Haygood’s) Georgia. Born 1848 in South Carolina, he died age 91 in 1939. Miss Lucyle’s mother, Mattie Stewart Bishop, born in 1896, died in 1936. Both are buried in McDonald Baptist Church Cemetery in Sylvania, Screven County, Georgia. After her parents died, the sisters lived with the extended family on a farm in Screven County until moving to Savannah at the beginning of WWII. The three Bishop sisters (Alma, Reba, and Lucy) worked at the shipyard where Liberty Ships (cargo ships) were built and lived together in a Deptford Homes apartment. To provide convenient housing for the workers, the government built Deptford Homes about two miles from the Southeastern Shipyards. Lucy worked as a welder. A crane would lift the huge piece of iron next to the ship. A ship fitter would help move the metal into place at which time the fitter would hold a small piece of iron to connect the two iron sheets for the tacker to touch weld. The welder would then follow and close the gap, by welding the two pieces together. After the war, the ship building business ended. The neighbor girls down the street (who Lucy had befriended) convinced her to move with them to Fort Lauderdale. Lucy lived in Florida until the 1970s; moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in the late 1990s; and returned to Sunrise, Florida, to be close to her daughter. Miss Lucy was the sister of Reba Bishop Scott, also a Ladies of the Plains Charter member.

**Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey****May 9, 1921- October 22, 2021****Chapter: Johnston Pettigrew 95, NC Division**

Miss Iva Lee was the younger of the two daughters of Charles Benson and Melvina Tew. Her father was born August 1, 1844, in Johnston County, North Carolina. At age 19, he enlisted in Co I, 24th Regiment NC Infantry. He was captured March 1865 and taken to Point Lookout, Maryland. After Charles died in 1929, Melvina’s mother came to live with them. When Iva Lee was eight years old, it was necessary for her mom and grandmother to be placed in a county rest home. Iva Lee was taken in by her fourteen-year-old sister who had married the year before. At age eleven, Iva Lee was sent to the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh where she lived for seven years. Then, at age eighteen, she returned to care for her ailing mother and grandmother at home. After finishing her

education, she began work at the Peacock Drug Store in Benson. In 1944, she married Kermit Gainey. They had two daughters. The Gaineys were farmers, but later on she worked at the state hospital in the sewing room with duties in the dining room when needed. Miss Iva Lee had six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her UDC application was registered September 18, 2015. UDC General members had the privilege of meeting her for the first time that year at the General Convention held in Raleigh.

MRS. NORMAN V. RANDOLPH RELIEF RECIPIENT**Granddaughter****Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison****DOB: September 23, 1935****Chapter: Abner Baker 1404, TN Division****Address: 3210 Ash Park Drive, #33, Richland Hills, TX 76118-6313****UDC Application Registered Apr. 15, 2014****Email: Sammy.hyh@gmail.com**

I am the mother of two, the grandmother of four, & the great-grandmother of six and counting. I am the fourth of five children born to Anna & Charley Miller Hynds. My mother was the fourth of fourteen children born to Frank & Elizabeth Donathan, and my dad was the last of seven children born to Henrietta and Robert Henry Hynds II.

I set out to disprove my cousin's claim that we were related to Sam Houston. I not only proved that, but I also got hooked and wanted to know more and more. Oh! My dad's grandfather, Judge Robert Henry Hynds, married a first cousin to Sam Houston. And on his various trips, he stayed at Judge Hynds' house in Dandridge, TN and used his law library. My family was privileged to take my parents to see several Hynds cousins in Tennessee, and to see the courthouse in Dandridge that was designed by Dad's grandfather, Judge Hynds.

In 1993 I authored a book, The Restoration of Old Bethel Cemetery of Rhome, Wise County, Texas. There were a number of cousins who came together to restore the cemetery where my grandmother Donathan's mother and her parents are buried. I have no idea what the condition of the cemetery is now, because the last time I was there, I was unable to get in the gate because of the way the road was graded.

At one time I worked for a land title company and learned that to trace the ownership of tracts of land is much like tracing a person's lineage. I am no longer active in my local genealogical society, but when I was, I held various offices & presented programs to various societies nearby.

My dad's mother's Miller family traces their family to the Mayflower & Salem Witch Trials, but that's another story for another time.

Sammy Hynds Harrison