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# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PRESTON/ CHERRY BROOK/LAKE LOON/ WESTPHAL & AREA CHAPTER**

Our Chapter of the Congress of Black Women of Canada was formed in May, 1987, after the 9th Biennial conference was held in Halifax.

The Membership started out with approximately a membership of 12 dedicated women that saw a need to organize this group and be a part of a National Black Organization.

The Chapter has been very active since becoming organized. We held a number of Workshops and seminars, have co-sponsored many events along with other groups, such as drug seminars, violence against the family, sponsored showing of the films, Black Mother, Black Daughter and Sisters in the Struggle. We have worked with the Coalition Against Apartheid during their Women's day Celebration since our formation. Held and sponsored a number of educational activities relating to South Africa and their struggle against racism.

Three of our members had the opportunity to go to the 10th Biennial Conference held in Calgary, Alberta, Nov. 1991. This conference was enjoyed by all and had the opportunity to meet sisters from across Canada and learn about the different diversities within our own culture.

This celebration tonight is our first major task to celebrate Black Women past & present who made a difference in their communities.

This will be an annual event for this chapter and we will like to thank all of you for coming out to celebrate our sisters achievements with us.

*Thank you all again!*

**Membership of the  
Preston/Cherry Brook/  
Lake Loon/Westphal  
& Area Chapter**

# Introduction:

The Congress of Black Women of Canada is a voluntary, non-profit organization which is dedicated to improving the welfare of Black Women and their families in their local communities, and nationally, to clarifying and bringing due recognition to the role of Black Women in Canadian Society.

The Congress also seeks through a program of education and service to motivate Black Women to participate in the life of the communities in which they live.

The Congress rejects the tradition of oppression and exploitation which excludes Black Women from the mainstream of society.

## Our History:

The first Conference of the Congress of Black Women of Canada was convened in Toronto in 1973 by the Canadian Negro Women's Association and chaired by the late Kay Livingstone. The enthusiastic response of individuals and organizations across the country to this first coming together of Black Women from all walks of life resulted in subsequent conferences being held in Montreal (1974), in Halifax (1976) and in Windsor (1977).

At the Fourth Conference, it was unanimously resolved that a national organization be created. Consequently, representatives from across Canada were elected to form a National Secretariat.

At the Fifth Conference held in Winnipeg (1980) the National Organization was launched. The Constitution was ratified and a National Executive Council was elected.

## Our Objectives:

To provide a network of solidarity for Black Women in Canada, and to be a united voice in the defence and extension of human rights and liberties for Black Women in Canada.

To foster a climate in which it is acceptable for Black Women to openly examine the issues which affect us and our families.

To plan and implement a program of education of education for Black Women.

To develop relations with other local, national and international organizations whose aims and objectives and purposes are in keeping with those of the Congress.

To constantly re-examine our objectives and purposes and adjust our efforts accordingly.

## Our Membership:

Membership is open to -

1. All Black Women, sixteen years and over.
2. Black Women's organizations whose aims, objectives, and purposes are similar to those of the Congress, as Associate Chapters.

## Some Of Our Issues And Concerns:

- Human Rights
- Housing
- Health
- Child Development
- Education
- Pensions
- Racism

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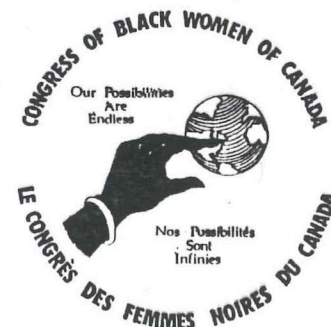
## JOIN US AND HELP!

*Membership fees:*

*Individual Membership - \$10.00*

*Chapter Membership - \$5.00 per capita to National Executive Council*

*Associate Organization - \$30.00*





# Program

## *Women Who Made a Difference*

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**Welcome:**  
*Sherleen Bernard*

**Greetings from President**  
*Dolly Williams*

**Greetings from Black Culture Centre**  
*President - Anne Simmonds*

**Poetry & Musical Selection**  
*Tineka O'Brien*

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**  
*Victoria Crawley-Clayton*

**Keynote Speaker**  
*May Ann Francis*

**Appreciation to Speaker**  
*Donna Whynder*

**Musical Selection by**  
*Kim & Delvina Bernard*

**Presentation of Plaque to Black Culture Centre**

**Presentation of Certificates to Honorees**

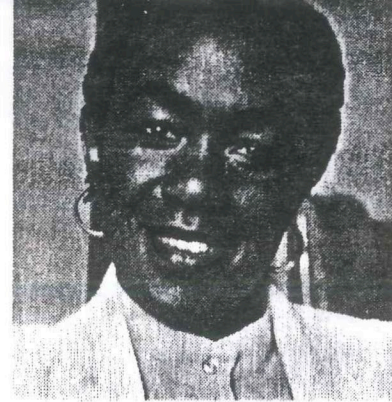
**Musical Selection by** *Kim & Delvina Bernard*

**Fashion Show by** *Barbara O'Brien*

**Closing Remarks**

**Reception to follow**

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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** **MS. MAY ANN FRANCIS**

Mayann Francis was appointed on August 1990, as Dalhousie University's first Employment Equity Officer. She is the first senior administrator hired to assist all faculties and administrative units to plan and implement programs of employment equity for women, visible minorities, First Nations people, Blacks and persons with disabilities.

She has a Master's degree in Public Administration in personnel and labour relations from New York University. She was Administrative Manager and Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator for the Office of the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, New York City.

She also has experience as a corporate paralegal and was an Officer of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in the early 1970's.

More recently, Ms. Francis served as a member of the Incident Review Committee to look into allegations of police harassment during July 19, 1991 confrontation between Black and White youths in downtown Halifax.

She is also a member of the board of Directors for the YWCA and more recently, the United Way. She also serves on various committees. Since returning home to Nova Scotia, she has been very active in equity issues and has made numerous presentations in this area.

May Ann is the daughter of Thelma and the late Father George Francis of the African Orthodox Church in Sydney, Nova Scotia. She has three sisters Donna and Debbie who are twin and Isabel who is married to Father Waterman of the African Orthodox Church in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

May Ann can always be found working for the betterment of our society.

# Tribute to the Deceased

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*Mrs. Inez Cromwell*

*Mrs. Edith Clayton*

*Mrs. Wilhelmina Riley*

*Mrs. Georgina Harper*

*Mrs. Sarah Jane Clayton*

*Mrs. Florence Diggs*

*Mrs. Suzanne (Mum) Smith*

*Mrs. Marie Riley*

*Mrs. Eliza Wyse-Sparks*

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**MRS. EDITH CLAYTON**

She was born on September 6, 1920 at Lake Loon to the parents of Selena and James Drummond. She was married to Deacon Clifford Clayton and they had a family of Six sons, Ervine, Joseph, Clifford, Peter, Carleton (Reggie) and Nolan, five daughters, Clara Mae, Vivian, Althea, Martha and Pamela.

She had been an active member of the East Preston Baptist Church for over 30 years. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She had been a guest speaker at the churches in North Preston, East Preston, and Cherry Brook. She was a very religious woman. She was usually heard discussing God and how he has affected her life.

Her family, her community, and her religion was important to her life but so was her craft. Her craft was basketweaving. She had weaved for at least fifty years. The Black Cultural Centre houses a display of her work for all to see and admire. The Centre has also hosted several basketweaving workshops taught by her. She attended many workshops and craft shows in Nova Scotia as well as places such as Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa. In 1986, she was chosen as the Nova Scotian representative for basketweaving at Expo in Vancouver, British Columbia. She received countless awards in recognition of her support and involvement. She has done many workshops in schools and for many community organizations such as Brownies and C.G.I.T. groups. She taught people as old as eighty and as young as seven some of her weaving skills.

Through her community service and involvement, she received a medal from the Queen in 1977. It was a high honor for her. She was a naturally generous and skilled person but she receives joy in knowing that someone had recognized her generosity and skill.

In June 1988, she was invited to attend an annual craft fair in Hot Springs, British Columbia. She accepted. She was accompanied by her husband and daughter. She spent ten days displaying and teaching her crafts.



In her years as a prominent figure in the East Preston community, as well as Nova Scotia in general she has met people from all walks of life, all ages and nationalities. Along the way she had made many lasting friendships. Friends were a top priority next to her family, as far as people were concerned.

A book published on the art of basketweaving. She is also the topic of many other professionals and their work. Faith Nowlan, a singer, composed a song about her, and a book written by Maxine Tynes, Borrowed Beauty, bears her name.

Her name was not just a name. It carried many connotations with it. It symbolized generosity, friendliness, helpfulness, talent, hospitality, and admiration. All these traits are characteristic of her personality. She was generous, friendly, helpful, talented, admired and hospitable.

Mrs. Clayton done many things for which she should be admired. She was an ideal role model for black youth today. She had battled many stereotypes of today's society. She represents not only the fact that blacks can be successful but that black women can combine work and home without either part suffering. She was not just a black Nova Scotian woman but a successful Nova Scotian woman who was respected in her community and loved and supported by her family and friends.

Throughout her generosity and talent, this woman managed to give lots back to a community and people who have given her so much. She was a mother, she was successful, she was strongwilled, determined, and a woman who honoured God. She was a role model... She was a woman who made a difference and help to make the change for a better tomorrow.



## **ELIZA WYSE-SPARKS**

Eliza was born in Lake Loon in 1883. At a young age, she resided in Boston, Massachusetts where she received an education. Eliza returned to Lake Loon, married John E. Sparks, and became an active worker in the Lake Loon/Cherry Brook Community.

Eliza was a founding member of the Cherry Brook Church, President of the Ladies Auxilliary, a youth counsellor with the Church's "Busy Bee" group, and the first secretary of the Cherry Brook Church, a position she held for several years.

In addition to her active community involvement, Eliza raised ten children: Surviving members of the family: Frank Sparks, Lillian Sparks, Elsie (Sparks) Bernard, and Myrtle Sparks. Deceased members: Edna Sparks, Verna Sparks, Alfreda (Sparks) Drummond, Howard, Everette, and Clifford.



## MRS. GEORGINA HARPER

Georgina Elizabeth Harper was born in Bear River, Digby County, Nova Scotia, in 1911. She died in Halifax in 1984. She was one of sixteen born to the late Mr. and Mrs. George Benjamin Hill, who were descendants from slaves that had come from the Southern United States. She grew up in the small community of Bear River, was educated there, graduated from Bear River High School in 1931 with a Grade XI.

**Profession:** Elementary School Teacher for 32 years. Her teaching career covered a period of 46 years with some broken service due to family and education reasons. The highlight of her career centers around the East Preston Community, where she taught a total of 22 years, teaching in some cases three generations. She retired from teaching in 1977.

In 1931 she began her teaching career in Conway, Digby County, where she taught for 5 years. After leaving Conway, she married Jason K. Harper and lived in Caledonia, Queens County for several years giving birth to one child, James Kenneth Harper. After leaving Caledonia, shortly following the end of World War II, she went back to teaching. She spent the remainder of her career teaching in Hammonds Plains, Cherry Brook and East Preston, all situated in Halifax County.

As an educator she was always concerned about improving her qualifications to make herself a better teacher. She took a year's absence in 1957-58, to attend the Teacher's College at Truro, N.S., graduating with a teaching diploma. She continued to keep abreast with her profession by updating knowledge through summer block training programmes. For eight consecutive summers, she spent four summers working with the Intermediate Block Programmes and four summers studying the blocks in special education, receiving a Diploma in Special Education in 1973.

As a black educator she was profoundly concerned to help her race become educated and take their rightful place in society. She was not only concerned about teaching children. Adult education and development was also important to her. She taught in the Adult Education Program that was under the directorship of Nova Scotia Dept. of Education. She often gave private tutoring to adults, teaching them to read and write. The Holy Bible was sometimes her source material for teaching adults to read.

Apart from her academic role she displayed a spiritual responsibility toward the community. She came from a strong Baptist background. Teaching Christian values was just as important to her as academic development. She played an active role in Sunday School and Missionary work.

### Church & Community Involvement:

Victoria Road United Baptist Church, Dartmouth, N.S.

- First President of Womens Missionary Society
- Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School
- Member of the Ladies Auxillary
- Black Professional Woman's Group of Nova Scotia, one of the founding members and supporters.

### Awards:

In recognition for 22 years of teaching service to their Community the School Trustees, Home & School Association and Ratepayer's Association of East Preston which held a Georgina Harper Night in her honour when she retired. Both East Preston Church and Community presented her with awards.

On her official retirement July 31, 1977 the Halifax County Municipal School Board presented her with a brass school bell. The engraving on the bell reads "For many years of outstanding service to the students of our County."

Georgina Harper was a dedicated school teacher, who spent most of her life educating her people. She has left a legacy of "Education" that will benefit future generations of Black Nova Scotians.

*Compiled by; James Harper.*





## **INEZ HAZEL CROMWELL**

Inez Hazel Dymond was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick on April 17, 1910. She was the second daughter of Myles Smyth and Ada Rae Dymond.

Inez Dymond attended school at L.P. Fisher Memorial School from which she graduated in 1928. She was second in her class, winning the Latin and French prize and a pen set from one of her teachers. Inez entered the Provincial Normal School in Fredericton, New Brunswick that Fall and graduated the following June.

Inez Dymond's teaching career started in Weymouth Falls, Digby County, Nova Scotia. Following a time there she came to Halifax County teaching at the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, North Preston and East Preston, where she taught for 31 years.

In December, 1936 Inez Dymond married Frederick T. Cromwell from Weymouth Falls, Nova Scotia. That union resulted in the birth of three children - Frederick Earl Jr. (Ted), East Preston; Ada Mae - deceased; and Myles Smyth, East Preston. She has four grandchildren.

Inez Dymond-Cromwell was a member of the Victoria Road Baptist Church, the East Preston Ladies Auxiliary, the Diogenes Studies Club, the Negro Educational Council, the Black Professional Women's Group, and the East Preston Red Cross Branch. She was one of the founding members of the Diogenes Study Club and the Black Professional Women's Group.

Inez Dymond-Cromwell attended summer school many summers to upgrade her license thus ensuring that she had the credentials to do the job. She, also, taught night school for the School Board and became a mentor and role model for both young and old alike. It is not unusual to hear her former students saying that she was the one who encouraged them to go on in pursuit of their dreams. Connie Glasgow, Vice Principal at Graham Creighton Junior High

School attributes Mrs. Cromwell's concern and interest as the motivating factors that has caused her to pursue her education. Carolyn G. Thomas says that Mrs. Cromwell was the one who made the administrators and teachers in the Dartmouth education system understand that she (Carolyn) was capable of academic achievement and that they were not to allow her to fall. Inez Cromwell worked with parents, students, teachers and administrators to bring out the best in Black children. She was a believer in academic excellence. She would not accept lame excuses. She made you work.

She was a disciplinarian. She loved her students and her people and because of this she would not accept mediocre work and efforts when she knew they were capable of more.

Inez Dymond-Cromwell was one of the founders of the Black Incentive Program for (Black) students. She knew that if the will to learn was there, a way had to be determined. Money must and could not be a deterrent.

Inez Dymond-Cromwell served as a very able teacher, vice principal and then principal.

One of her co-workers, Florence Smith Bauld, summed it up like this: "She was always smiling and ready to lend a helping hand to anyone".

*Researched and written by Inez Dymond-Cromwell's Sister - Ada Dymond-Clayton. (1992).*



## **MARIE RILEY**

Marie was born to the parents of Mr. Clarence & Marjorie (Upshaw), she was one of 16 children. She had 8 sisters and 7 brothers, she also had 5 foster brothers and sisters.

Marie received her early education at the Partridge River School in East Preston. After graduating Marie went to work at the Halifax County Rehab Center in the Nursing Dept. She became a Motivational Therapist and went on to teach Motivational Therapy for a number of years at the Nova Scotian Hotel. She was also job replacement co-ordinator where she had been employed since 1961.



Marie was Married to Clarence Riley of Cherry Brook and they had two wonderful children Shandi and Clifton. Marie was a member of the East Preston Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for 7 years. She worked untiringly with the B.Y.P.U., now called B.Y.F. and the Ladies Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Black Cultural Society & was nominated for the Y.W.C.A. Recognition Award. She was a founding member of the East Preston Recreation Association that was formed through the East Preston Baptist Youth Group. Marie was an expert Pottery Maker and she spent many hours teaching the pottery art. Marie spent many hours volunteering her time and services to the Communities of East Preston and Cherry Brook.

Marie died at the age of 44, in 1985, Marie was a lady who made a difference in her communities, she will always be remembered for her dedicated works to her community.



**SISTER FLORENCE DIGGS**

Florence Louise Diggs born to Councillor George and Lavinia (Carvery) Diggs on September 14, 1900, in East Preston. She was one of 8 children; 4 brothers and 3 sisters. She received her education from the Partridge River School, where she completed her Grade 8.

She married William Martin Diggs and was blessed with one daughter, Mildred. She had several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In her early years she united with the East Preston United Baptist Church, becoming very active in many areas. She was a Choir Director and organist for over 30 years. She served for over 40 years in the East Preston Ladies Auxiliary as a member of the East Preston Women Missionary Society. She was Post Mistress for over 40 years and ran a convenience store and the Post Office from her home. She housed many school teachers for several years who taught school in East Preston and area.

She was an excellent accordian player. She could be found every Wednesday evening, unless ill, in prayer service playing beautiful spirituals on the accordian and praising God.

She was a mother and friend to many in the community. Sister Florence was honoured by the East Preston Ladies Auxiliary and was made an honorary member for her years of dedicated services.

She was honoured by the East Preston Home and School Association for her years of dedicated service to the Home and School and the children and parents of East Preston. Sister Florence was honoured for over 30 years of dedicated service rendered to the East Preston Red Cross Society and she was a founding member of the Red Cross of East Preston.

Sister Florence, although a business woman, still had time for the community of East Preston and ran a store fulltime. Sister Florence was a role model for many; she was loved by young and old alike.

Sister Florence showed by her hard work that you can do whatever you so desire with hard work and faith in God. She was a woman that made a difference in her time and in our generation.

She died on February 16, 1990. She will always be remembered for her gifts she gave to the Community of East Preston. She will go down in history as doer.



**MRS. SUZANNE (BUNDY) SMITH**

Mrs. Suzanne (Bundy) Smith, known as "Mum Susie" or "Mrs. Susie Smith", was born on March 10, 1883. She was a descendent of the Black Refugees who came to Nova Scotia between 1812-1816.

In 1904 she married Mr. Demus Smith and moved to North Preston where she raised 19 children. "Mum Susie" was a committed christian and had not gone to school, but her christianity gave her the inspiration to learn to read the Bible.



On January 28, 1986, "Mum Susie" was accorded the honour of a function at the Black Cultural Center during which time the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation showed a half hour film on her life. "Mum Susie" was known as the Matriarch of North Preston by all who knew her.

"Mum Susie" died in April 1987, at the age of 105. She was the oldest living resident in the Black Communities. She left a legacy of love, faith, hope and trust in God to those who knew her and were acquainted with her.

"Mum Susie" made a difference.



## CHARLOTTE "WILHELMINA" CLAYTON RILEY

Born on July 19, 1916 in East Preston, Halifax County, Nova Scotia to the proud parents of the late Peter Evander Clayton and Sarah Jane Clayton nee: Thomas.

Wilhelmina was one of twenty-one children born to Peter Evander and Sarah Jane Clayton. Her second name - Wilhelmina - was given to her mother for her Aunt Wilhelmina, sister of the late and well-known Peter McKerrow. It was felt that her first name Charlotte was after 'Queen Charlotte'.

Wilhelmina was married to Frederick Alexander Riley of Cherry Brook on February 15, 1938. She was the mother of three children - Marvin Graham, Robert Alexander, and Carolyn Gertrude Thomas nee: Riley.

Wilhelmina attended the Partridge River School and night school classes where she was able to acquire a grade eight education. She, like her mother and father before her, believed that education was crucial and that one had to acquire it through whatever way possible if one was to be able to take ones proper place in society and make a contribution to helping to bring about change. In her early years, education was denied, through statute, to Black People of Nova Scotia. Her parents, along with others, determined that this

would not be the future of their children and they proceeded to contest these kind of laws. Wilhelmina was one of the first children to walk through schoolhouse doors in East Preston - where conditions were secondary, or I dare say worse. Nevertheless, she and others persevered.

Wilhelmina worked in many capacities within the community and with school officials, to bring about change. She was the President of the East Preston Home and School Association for many years, ably assisted by such people as the late: Deacon/Chairman of the Trustee Board James Slawter; Mabel I. (Fletcher) Saunders; Reta (Evans) James; Carleton A. Evans; Alfreda (Williams) Slawter and many more - parents and teachers alike. She was a strong supporter and worker for the Ratepayer's Association and served in many capacities in the church, on a local, district and provincial level.

Wilhelmina Clayton-Riley loved people of all ages. She loved working with the youth because she believed that they had much to offer and could carry on the needed work much after she and others were passed on. Wilhelmina was baptised and became a member of the East Preston United Baptist Church in July, 1928. She worked with William B. Thomas and others in organizing the youth within the East Preston United Baptist Church. She became president of the youth organization, then known as the Baptist Young People's Union (B.Y.P.U.), which later became known as the Baptist Youth Fellowship (B.Y.F.) She later provided leadership of that organization at the Provincial level, as Supervisor of that branch of the African United Baptist Association - the largest and oldest Black Organization in Canada, which her daughter, Carolyn, now presides as the second woman to hold such an office in its history.

Wilhelmina worked untiring with the women of the community and church. She became a member of the Ladies Auxilliary, a group that her mother, the late Sarah Jane Thomas-Clayton, helped found at the local and provincial level, many years before. This was during the time that women were perceived to have no place or role in decision making in the church and community. Wilhelmina helped keep her mother's dream alive, a dream that women would speak and take their respective place in society. A dream that came alive as they stood as the "Woman at the Well" on Brian Street in East Preston. (Location - on the site near the East Preston United Baptist Church Parsonage). Wilhelmina rose to the position of Provincial President of the African United Baptist Woman's Institute of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia Incorporated and in this capacity gave profound leadership.

Wilhelmina Clayton-Riley became involved in the work of the Canadian Red Cross Society. She recognized it as an organization that did much good for the people. She began as a volunteer and was later approached with the idea of forming a local branch under the Nova Scotia Red Cross Division Fractionalization Individuum Continuum. She liked this idea, realizing that it would be quite a challenge. Wilhelmina discussed this matter with other people of the community after which she agreed to organize such a body. She became the



Branch's Charter President, and the branch became the 100th branch in Canada. Under her leadership the East Preston Red Cross Branch developed many programs and engaged in many projects for the betterment of their community and abroad.

Wilhelmina (Clayton) Riley taught Sunday School in her own church for many years. She later became the Superintendent of that Sunday School.

Wilhelmina worked with her husband Fred in establishing a business so as to provide for their family. They had a confectionary store in their home, which served to be a great convenience to many of the community residents. Wilhelmina's husband Fred started a construction company. Wilhelmina worked with Fred in bringing their business to life. She was the bookkeeper, timekeeper, receptionist, and anything else she felt it would be important for her to be. They again helped the community by providing work for many men within and outside of the communities. There are many who remain grateful. In addition to all of this, Wilhelmina worked 'domestic work' in an effort to help her husband meet the needs of their family.

Wilhelmina is remembered by many for the good that she has done. Her death came as a shock. Wilhelmina loved flowers and her beautiful garden could attest to that. Because of its beauty it was featured on the front page of the Chronicle Herald and Mail Star. Her funeral was another testimony, when the florists in the city of Dartmouth 'sold out'. People came from far and near to pay last respects to a great lady who had passed this way, but not without leaving a legacy. Her death - October 24, 1976 at the Victoria General Hospital at 8:45 p.m.

Today - She is a rose in the Heavenly Garden.

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind but now I see."

*Researched and written by her daughter:  
Carolyn Gertrude Riley-Thomas.*



## SARAH JANE (THOMAS) CLAYTON

She was the daughter of George Thomas and Sarah Neale. George Thomas was from Wales and Sarah was a Black Nova Scotian. She was born on March 29, 1875.

She received her education at Partridge River School. She graduated from grade 8.

She had three brothers, John, Joseph, and James, three sisters Milla, Suzie and Mary.

She was one of the founding women around the "Women at the Well", founded in East Preston at a women service, the name was later changed to what is called today, Women Institute of African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. She was married to Peter Clayton and together they had 21 children, with thirteen surviving she raised eight sons, namely; John, George, Howard, Ralph, Clifford, Peter and Herbert. Five daughters; Wilhelmina, Mary, Ida, Sarah and Gertrude. She was the first Black Woman to run and operate a Post Office in the East Preston area and she also had the community Village Store. This community store was the stop before going into the city.

She was very involved in the Community of East Preston. The Senior Citizen Manor on Governor Street in East Preston is named, and called the Sarah Jane Clayton Manor because of her many accomplishments in her community of East Preston and other parts of the Preston Area. Her many achievements in life as a Black Woman came about because she was a dedicated woman to our cause and she knew that we had a future. Sarah Jane Clayton died on January 18, 1954 at the age of 79 years in East Preston.

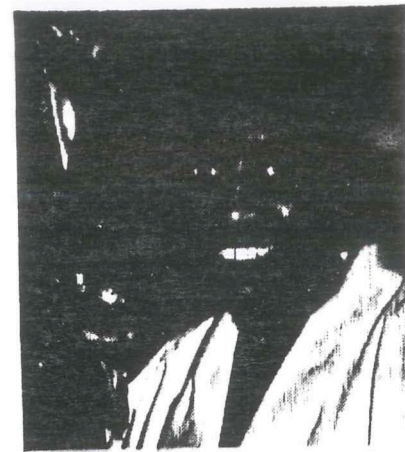
She made all of these achievements during the Depression years and the Slavery days.

This was indeed a lady who made a difference in her community of East Preston, Nova Scotia and our proud heritage that we will all remember.



# Present Members

*Althea Clayton-Tolliver*  
*Anne V. Johnson*  
*Carolyn Gertrude Riley-Thomas*  
*Mrs. Cleo Whiley*  
*Connie Glasgow-James*  
*Mrs. Cora Crawley*  
*Delvina E. Bernard (Vina)*  
*Dolly Glasgow-Williams*  
*Dr. Marie N. Hamilton*  
*Dr. Ruth Johnson*  
*Elaine White*  
*Ms. Iona Crawley*  
*Mrs. Iva Bernice Clayton*  
*Josephine Johnson*  
*Joyce Ross*  
*Karen Darcell Hudson*  
*Kim Bernard*  
*Mrs. Lavinia Harris*  
*Maxine Brooks*  
*Natherine Willis*  
*Dr. Pearleen Oliver, D.Litt.*  
*Sylvia D. Hamilton*  
*Carole Elaine Symonds*  
*Victoria Crawley-Clayton*  
*Florence Bauld*



**ALTHEA CLAYTON-TOLLIVER**

Althea is the daughter of the late Edith Clayton (Drummond) and Deacon Clifford Clayton of East Preston. She received her early education from the Partridge River Elementary School in East Preston. She graduated from Graham Creighton High School, later going on to receive her Diploma from the Maritime School of Social Work.

She has taken many related courses. Althea has taken courses in the Human Service field.

Althea is married to James Tolliver, and they have two children; Rhonda, and Darren, and one grandson, Jeremy. She has taught basket weaving in the Continuing Education Program, and art taught to her by her mother the late Sister Edith Clayton, a well-known basket weaver.

Althea is one of the founding members of the Association of Black Social Workers and is now serving as President. She also has participated in many Sensitivity Awareness Training Sessions sponsored by the Black Social Workers.

She is President of the Black Professional Women's Group of Nova Scotia, and she has also served as Vice-President. She is a Charter member of the East Preston Lioness Club, and Past President of the East Preston Club. She has served as District Secretary of 41N2 of Nova Scotia, and has received the Lioness of the Year Award twice from her own club for outstanding community services.

Althea is Past Secretary of the East Preston Ratepayers Association. Althea participated in various racism workshops with the Human Rights Commission, District School Boards of Nova Scotia. She is a member of the Board of Governors of Northwood Care Inc., serving as Chairperson of the Equality Care Committee.

A member of the Trustee Board of the Astral Drive, Sir Robert Borden and Graham Creighton Juniors High Schools for the past four years.

She is newly elected member of the monitoring Committee for the East Preston Ratepayers Association for the Halifax Bedford County School Board.

**Church Involvement:**

Althea is a member of the East Preston Baptist Church for the past 30 years, serving as both past and assistant clerk of the church. Past Secretary for the Finance Committee. Served as Sunday School teacher for over 20 years. Secretary of the Church Building Fund Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. She is the chairperson of the Urban & Rural Life Committee of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. Past Provincial President of the B.Y.F. and Past President of the East Preston B.Y.F. of her church as well.

A mass Choir member. Has been a delegate at various meetings for the East Preston Church.

Althea was former employee with the K-Mart Inc. Ltd. She worked as a Community Development Officer in the Preston area for approximately 7 years for the Black United Front. She was instrumental in getting some 40 youths to help clean up garbage and debris in East Preston (during Help Keep Our Community Clean).

At present she is employed with the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, as a Supervisor.

"She is a person who is always giving of herself", wrote a young lady who stays at the home, "she is always helping somebody as they pass her way. Althea has made a difference in many youth and adults' lives and she continues to make a difference for the betterment of all.

## ANNE V. JOHNSON

Anne was born to the parents of Josephine and Arnold Johnson. She has two brothers and one sister.

Beginning at age 6, she became involved in her community. She was a member of Community Club Choir. She was a majorette performer, Junior Choir member and eventually became the Acting Director. She was an Explorer and a member of the C.G.I.T.

**Teen Years:**

- St. Thomas Baptist Youth Fellowship
- North Preston Recreation Volunteer Leader
- High School Varsity Sports
- Preston Soul Diggers Women & Co-ed Valley Ball Team

**St. Thomas Baptist Church Activities:**

- Sunday School Teacher, 1975 to present
- Education Committee Chairperson 1989-1991
- Library Committee Chairperson 1991-1993

**Regional & Provincial Activities:**

- W.A.D.E. Youth Supervisors - Chairperson, 1984-1985. Planned community workshops and a Provincial Youth Conference.
- A.U.B.A., Provincial B.Y.F. Executive and Atlantic Baptist Young People Convention Executive, 1985-1987
- Dance In Canada Conference Committee, 1985
- Multicultural Festival Committee, 1986-1991

**Significant Conferences & Workshops Attended:**

- Focus 85, National Folk Art Workshop in Banff, Alta, 1985
- Co-organizer and Leader of Halifax YMCA Youth Exchange to the Inuit Community of Salluit, Northern Quebec, 1986



- T.I.P. International Theatre Workshop, Grandvalley State University, Michigan, U.S.A., Summer 1990
- Multicultural Theatre Power Play Workshop - Two weeks in training as a facilitator, Vancouver, B.C., 1991
- Headline Theatre Power Play Workshop. Two weeks in training as a facilitator, Vancouver, 1991
- Multicultural Education Conference Liverpool, N.S.

#### Education and Performance:

- Performed at various churches throughout Nova Scotia
- Recently performed for Neropa Festival
- Helen Creighton Festival
- Festival of Lights
- Halifax Windjammers World Basketball League
- Director of Special Dr. Martin Luther King Choir which performed with Symphony Nova Scotia

Presently working on various musical Theatre projects.

Presently Co-ordinator of North Preston Recreation Read and Play Program

Presently Attending Dalhousie, completing requirements for teacher certification pending April, 1992

#### Theatrical Experience:

1988

- Beyond the Dark Horizon, Dir.-Sudsy Clarke, CBC Radio
- The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Dir.-Elizabeth Inman, McMaster University
- Countless Cathlene, Dir.-Norman Moore, McMaster University
- The Women of Trachis, Dir.-Donna Howe, McMaster University
- Cabaret, Dir.-Mark Richardson, McMaster University

1987

- The Sam Langford Story, Dir.-Sudsy Clarke, CBC Radio
- Sondheim Review, Dir.-Paula Spardarkos, Banff Centre
- The Invisible Man, Dir.-Charles Northcote, Banff Centre

1986

- Review 1950's & 60's, Dir.-Alan Lund, Banff Centre
- N.S. Black Reality Song, Dir.-David Woods, Halifax Library

1984

- God's Trombones, Dir.-Walter Borden, St. Georges Church
- Jesus Christ Super Star, Dir.-Glen Walton, Dalhousie

#### Training:

McMaster University  
Banff Centre School of Fine Arts  
Dalhousie University

Dramatic Arts  
Musical Theatre  
Bachelor Physical Education,  
Minor Theatre, Jazz Dance, Specialization  
Jazz, Modern Ballet, Theatre  
Tap  
Voice  
Radio Drama Writing Workshop

#### Director/Choreographer/Playwright

1987

- Black Musical Theatre Review, Cunard St. Theatre
- I'm Goin' Up High, Cunard St. Theatre
- Now Is The Time, St. Thomas Baptist Church-Black Cultural Centre

1988

- Consider Us (Director), Youth Human Rights Conference, Halifax. Black Cultural Centre
- The African Experience (Performer/Director/Choreographer/Co-writer), World Trade & Convention Centre, St. Mary's University, Halifax Sheraton, Dalhousie University (1990)

1989

- Reach The Mountain Top (Director/Writer), St. Thomas Baptist Church, Acasisville Baptist Church, Digby
- Thank God We Made It (Writer/Director), North Preston Recreation Centre, Black Cultural Centre
- Black Money (Director), Black Cultural Centre & Provincial Tour

1990

- Jesus Met The Woman (Writer/Director), Women Institute of African, United Baptist Association
- The Twenty-fifth Crises (Writer/Director), St. Thomas B.Y.F., North Preston Recreation Centre

#### Workshop Facilitator:

Musical Theatre (1987-1990); North Preston Community School, Black Cultural Centre Provincial Tour

Popular Theatre (1989); Digby Human Rights Conference

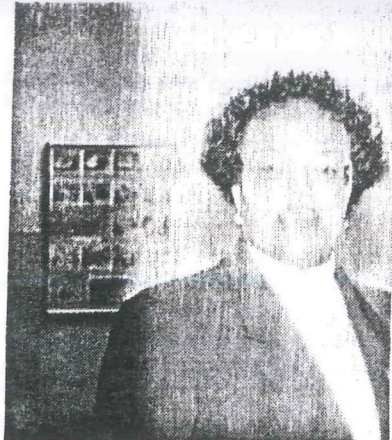
History of Black Dance (1990); Black Cultural Centre and Provincial Tour

#### Other:

Founding Director of Son-Light Gospel Group  
St. Thomas Baptist Youth Fellowship Choir

As a young woman, you can see that Anne has truly made a difference in her community and others. She is indeed a role model for all Black women.





## CAROLYN GERTRUDE RILEY-THOMAS

Carolyn Gertrude Riley was born on July 2, 1943 in Halifax and has been a life long resident of East Preston, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Canada. She is the daughter of Frederick A. and the late Charlotte Wilhelmina Riley. Carolyn is one of three children born to the couple. She has two brothers: Marvin Graham Riley of East Preston and Robert Alexander Riley of Dartmouth.

Carolyn Gertrude Riley's education began in her Aunt Iva Clayton's (Uncle Ralph - Mother's brother) living room at the age of four. Carolyn was too young to attend regular school but because of her desire to learn her Aunt Iva started her off at home because she was a school teacher.

Following this, Carolyn attended Partridge River School from grade primary to grade 6. Following this Carolyn and her brother were taken by their parents and enrolled into the Dartmouth City School system.

Carolyn attended Prince Arthur Junior High School, Dartmouth; Admiral Westphal School, Dartmouth; Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth; St. Peter's High School and Commercial School, Dartmouth. She returned to school after many years pursuing her post-secondary education at St. Mary's University, Halifax on a part-time basis working on her Arts degree (2 1/2 credits short; Boston University, Boston, Mass. - Certified Compliance Administration (completed). Carolyn continues to take interest courses as well - e.g. computer; leadership and group dynamics; supervision; pay equity; conducting meetings; and human right summer college - University of Ottawa).

Carolyn is married to Matthew Thomas Jr. of East Preston, Halifax County. They have four children - Sherry Velda; Matthew Juan; Tamara Melissa 'Tammy'; and Trynda Marlette.

While at home with her parents Carolyn gained experience from working in the Family Confectionary/Grocery store. She also gained experience in bookkeeping and the business world by assisting her parents with the Company books - Her father, Fred, being the first Black businessman and contractor in the area. Following this, Carolyn worked as a teacher for the Municipality of the County of Halifax, N.S. from 1962-1965 in the communities of East and North Preston where she taught students from grade Primary to Six, inclusive. Today, she lovingly recalls many of her former students referring to her as 'my teacher'.

Carolyn also worked for the Department of National Defence; Canada Post Corporation and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, where she is presently employed as the Affirmative Action Program Co-ordinator.

Carolyn was the first and only Black to serve as the District/Provincial President of the Lioness Division of Lions International. She was granted a life membership in the Lions Foundation of Canada on June 25, 1985. She received many awards from Lions International for outstanding and exemplary service. Carolyn served, with her husband, as Associate Chair of the Lioness Department of the Nova Scotia District. She was the founding and Charter President of the East Preston Lioness Club.

Carolyn is a member of the East Preston Red Cross Branch and has served, her mother being the Charter President. She received recognition for her years of service from the Nova Scotia Division, where she also held the office of Regional Vice President.

Carolyn served on the Board of the Metro United Way and on its Main Allocations Committee as a member and then as Chairperson for a period of time.

Carolyn has served as a member of the Province's Interdepartmental Committee on the Status of Women for many years. She served as a resource person to the Canadian Committee on Learning Opportunities for Women; as a member of Soroptimist International of the Americas. She is a member of the Kay Livingstone Visible Minority Women's Society having served it in the capacity of Regional Co-ordinator. Carolyn is an executive member of the Black Professional Women's Club of Nova Scotia and designed its first pin. She did likewise for the East Preston Lioness Club's first pin.

Carolyn served as a resource person for the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded (C.A.M.R.). She served on the charter executive of the East Preston Recreation Association Inc. and was its first secretary; later serving in many capacities, including the President for a number of years.



Other memberships and positions held include:

Board Member of the Black Cultural Centre of which she was also a charter board member; Board member of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children; Education Chairperson for the East Preston Ratepayer's Association Inc.; American Contract Compliance Association; Organist and choir director for the East Preston United Baptist Church for the last 30+ years. Highlights in this capacity has been the production of an album entitled "Down by the Riverside" in which all of her family plus her mother and father were a part.

Carolyn's latest accomplishments have included being elected as the second woman to fill the position as Moderator of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia Inc., and the first layperson to serve in this capacity for a second term; to have been elected Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Race Relations which produced the report which included 94 recommendations to all levels of government and the community specifically related to the improvement of Black people in Nova Scotia; and to have been selected as a member of the Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission in Canada. Carolyn was recently chosen to be part of a national delegation to travel to South Africa to observe the dismantling of Apartheid and report to the Federal Government regarding on the position it should take re: sanctions, etc.

Carolyn is a member of the Baptist Historical Committee of the Atlantic Baptist Convention; a member of the Advisory Council of the Atlantic Police Academy; an Advisory Committee member to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, etc.

She was instrumental in having the East Preston Senior Citizen's Club formed.

Her other activities include counselling, lecturing, and writing.

Carolyn has and continues to make a difference.



**MRS. CLEO WHILEY**

Cleo Whiley was born in Hammonds Plains on June 4, 1922, to the proud parents of Matilda and Jerry David.

She received her early elementary education from the Hammonda Plains School.

She married Aubrey Whiley on October 10, 1938. They are the proud parents of eight children, 5 boys and 3 girls.

She has been a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church since 1940, becoming a Deaconess on December 1985. She is a long standing member of the Emmanuel Baptist Ladies Auxilliary for 40 years.

She and her husband have been foster parents for 25 years and have raised some 22 children, and currently has 3 in her care.

She is a very humble and modest person. Wonderful, and an example to be proud of. Mrs. Whiley has made a great difference in many lives and continues to do so.

Her hobbies includes cooking, quilting, visiting sick and praying for shut-ins.





## CONNIE GLASGOW

Connie was born and raised in East Preston, youngest of 10 surviving children from a family of 16 of Aubrey Glasgow and the Late Hilda Glasgow (Taylor).

She received her elementary education at Partridge River School in East Preston and graduated from Graham Creighton High School in 1969.

In 1972, Connie became the first University graduate from East Preston when she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mount Saint Vincent University. She received her Bachelor of Education in 1973 and her Masters in Education in 1980.

She has been employed by the Halifax County Bedford School Board for 19 years as a teacher, guidance counsellor and is presently Vice-Principal at Graham Creighton Jr. High School.

During the past 20 years, Connie has participated in community, church and school activities. From 1980-1986, she was Co-ordinator for Continuing Education in the Preston Area and was also an Adult Educator.

She has served on several boards and organizations - the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, Group Committee for Boy Scouts, Education Incentive Program, Dalhousie Law Program for Indigenous Blacks and Micmacs, Dartmouth Advisory Committee Violence Against Women, Race Relations Committee-Dartmouth School Board and varied committees pertaining to youth and race relations at Cole Harbour District High School. Sunday School Teacher for the past 20 Years, past superintendent, Choir member 25 years, Adult Counsellor and Past President of Baptist Youth Fellowship of East Preston.

Presently a member of the Black Professional Women Group & Black Educators Association.

Connie is the proud mother of Adrienne and Garry and adopted Aunt to several young people as well as being an aunt to over 50 in her immediate family.

Connie is another one of our Black Sister that we can all love and respect. She too have made a difference.

## MRS. CORA CRAWLEY

Mrs. Cora Crawley was born in East Preston, on February 5, 1905, to the parents of Cecilia and Joseph Brown. She is one of seven children.

She received her education at the East Preston Partridge River School where she received her grade 5, and this was a one room school house, Mrs. Georgina Upshaw was her teacher. She grew up on the homestead on Lower Brian Street in East Preston.

She married Mr. George Henry Slawter, where they were blest with seven children from that marriage. She said her second marriage was to the Late William Benson Thomas, after his death she was married to Mr. Paul Crawley, now at the young age of 87 years, she just celebrated her birthday.

After having been widow for three times, Mrs. Crawley has kept the faith and continued to work in the community. She is very active to this day; some of her activities are East Preston Mass Choir, where you can still hear her voice coming through in her Soprano melody. She is active in the Ladies Auxilliary which she joined in 1923. She was honoured by the East Preston Ladies Auxilliary for her dedicated services. She is a member of the East Preston Women Missionary Society. She was a member of the East Preston Red Cross.

Mrs. Crawley was honoured by the East Preston Mass Choir for over 50 years of continuing service to the choirs.

She said she went to work when she was only 13 years and she worked until she was 86 years, just retired. Mrs. Crawley's daughter said she is so thankful for the wonderful mother that God has given her, she is caring, loving and is a true friend to all who come in contact with her.

Mrs. Crawley now resides with her daughter Jeannette, and the two of them still make beautiful music together. Mrs. Crawley shines through her example, if you want it you must work for it, she was a Work-a-holic in her time. She was a positive role model for many women, and one that we can all be proud of. She has made a difference and continues to make a difference at the young age of 87 years old.





## **DELVINA E. BERNARD (Vina)**

### ***Songwriter, Singer, Producer, Community and Cultural Activist.***

Delvina Bernard was born in Halifax Nova Scotia, and raised in the Black community of Lake Loon, Halifax County. She graduated from Graham Creighton High School in 1977 where she served as student council president in her senior year. Delvina holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Saint Mary's University, in Halifax, and a Diploma In Adults Education from George Brown College in Toronto.

At the age of 10, Delvina made her first public appearance singing and playing guitar at the local George Washington Carver Credit Union Hall near the Prestons, and says that at the age of 9, she became an activist for Black rights when..."I was confronted with acts of racism at the white elementary school I was forced to attend when they closed our community school in the name of integration."

In 1981 Delvina and her sister Kim founded the nationally acclaimed a capella quartet Four the Moment, and since 1981 Delvina has combined her political activism with her talent for songwriting and musical composition. Four The Moment's musical style cannot be described simply, as Delvina draws on the diverse and rich threads of many Black musical forms; blues, soul, reggae, and gospel. Delvina's compositions tell the story of Black history in Nova Scotia, human rights, women's history, and Third World struggles.

In 1988 Delvina produced Four The Moments first album "We're Still Standing". The album which won three Maritime Music Award nominations and captured a spot in the national top five albums of the year, for University and College Radio, has accompanied the quartet across the country where they have given over 300 concerts and performances; including performances at: The National Arts Center-Ottawa, The National Museum of Civilization-Hull,

major Canadian folk festivals across the country - from Vancouver B.C. to St. John's Nfld, Calgary Winter Olympics, Expo 86, Toronto's Harbourfront, and Roy Thompson Hall, and numerous radio and TV appearances including Much Music, and CBC Radio Morningside, The Entertainers, Prime Time, Arts National, Brave New Waves, Swinging on a Star.

Delvina's signature human rights song "Freedom Has Beckoned" was selected to appear on the CBS "Much Music-Soul In The City" compilation album. Delvina has also contributed her talent to theatre, and film having composed the musical sound track for the NFB film "Black Mother Black Daughter."

Delvina is actively involved in the Black Community on issues of education, community development, womens rights, and Black Feminism. She is a founding member of the African Canadian Education Project (ACEP) - a newly formed organization dedicated to fostering academic achievement of African Canadian students. ACEP which focuses on mentoring, and educational summer camps, is currently developing a model to operate a Saturday heritage and cultural school. Delvina has worked as a youth counsellor, an employment officer, an accounting officer, educator, national youth training projects manager, and a management consultant. Her interests include travel, poetry, and spending time with her husband, family, and friends, who she says...are her most important commitment, next to her spiritual commitments.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

#### **Involvement: Music/Songwriting/Arts**

- Radio programmer CKDU Radio - Black History profiles and music format
- Former member board of Directors - CKDU Radio
- Program Consultant CKLN Radio Ryerson Toronto
- Past juror for CBC Radio Regional Song writing Contest
- Atlantic Region Jury Member for Canada Council Artists Explorations Grants
- One of the Founding member of Newly formed Black Artist Network - Halifax
- Founding member and songwriter with national performing group - Four The Moment

#### **Involvements: Education/Community Development**

- Founding member African Canadian Education Project (ACEP) - educational and cultural development organization
- Currently developing a Black history and culture curriculum for children and youth for implementation in a Saturday heritage and cultural school to be operated by ACEP
- Actively involved in conducting Black history and culture workshops to numerous organizations
- National Steering Committee Member of the Anti-Racism and Human Rights Network
- Preston Area Electoral Boundaries Committee
- Member Afro-Canadian Caucus



- Researcher of African Nova Scotian history for film project: Black settlements, economic development, political development, the Black church, history of education.

#### Publications

Interviews, oral histories, and lyric publication on Black history and culture in books, journals, magazines

- Fireweed Quarterly, Toronto - issue #18, 1984
- Fuse Magazine, Toronto - Spring 1985
- Feminism From Pressure To Politics - A. Miles G. Finn, Black Rose Books, 1989
- Fire On The Water, Volume II - (Black Nova Scotian Anthology) To be published April 1992

#### Recordings

Researched and produced several recorded musical works on Black history and culture

- Album recording features Nova Scotian Black history in song: We're Still Standing, 1988 Jam Productions Ltd.
- CBS compilation project: Black Music Project, 1989 CBS Records Canada Ltd.
- CBC Radio: produced several broadcast recording sessions featuring Black Nova Scotia folk music
- CBC Radio: Rap Music in Nova Scotia, Atlantic Airwaves 1991
- NFB Canada: Wrote and recorded musical sound track for Black Mother Black Daughter - NFB 1989
- Festival Records Vancouver Compilation Album CUPW Project



**DOLLY GLASGOW-WILLIAMS**

Dolly was born in East Preston to Hilda (Taylor) and Aubrey Glasgow, she was one of sixteen (16) children. She is married to Sinclair Williams, they have five children one of whom is adopted namely; Sonya, Bridget, Sinclair Jr. Theodore (Teddy) and Evan. She is the grandmother of three.

Dolly received her early education from Partridge River Elementary School in East Preston. She attended Graham Creighton High School Continuing Education Program where she received her grade 12 certificate.

She attended St. Mary's University as a Part-time Student taking Business Law (Intro), Business Administration, Macro and Micro (Intro) and she is hoping to continue as a part-time student, some day to get her degree in Business Administration.

She has received certificates in Public Speaking and Time Management from the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union. She received the Dale Carnegie Public Speaking certificate in 1974, that was a starting base.

She is a qualified Seamstress, receiving her certificate in 1965, and worked as a seamstress for Sarty's Manufacturing Co. making uniforms for the Navy of our Military. Later on she left that career to go into the Nursing workforce, where she was employed as Ward Assistant for ten years at the I.W.K. Hospital. She left that job to go back to school to upgrade herself where she received a Certificate in Business and was hired on in 1975 as a Clerk for the Civil Service Commission and worked as a secretary and as Map Librarian Assistant, employed with the Province of Nova Scotia for 17 years.

Recently she has been hired as the first Union Counselling Co-ordinator for the Halifax-Dartmouth District Labour Council and the Metro United Way. This Program is for all union members and their families. She is on loan from the government for a three year term.



# Canada's First Congress of Colored Women Which Was Held in Halifax



Back Row—Mrs. Phyllis Beck, Mrs. J. J. Cragley, Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Mrs. Ida Harris, Rev. A. W. Thompson, Rev. A. A. Wynn, Theo. P. Johnson, Rev. W. A. White, Rev. W. N. Sisson, Rev. M. P. Montgomery, Mrs. Sarah Clayton, Mrs. Annie Colyer, Mrs. Fred A. Peller, Mrs. John Desmond  
 2nd Row—Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Bessie Duggan, Mrs. Frank Jones, Miss Pearl Gibson, Miss Mary Symonds, Mrs. J. A. R. Kinney, Mrs. S. W. Thompson, J. A. R. Kinney, Mrs. Louis Bundy, Mrs. Isabel Diggs, Miss Mary Rippon, Mrs. W. H. Samuels, Miss Gladys Brown, Miss Mary Hephworth, Mrs. Mary Howell, Mrs. Rosa Clark  
 3rd Row—Mrs. Martha O'Connell, Mrs. Mary Beale, Mrs. Eva Truitt, Mrs. Maude Walsh, Mrs. Charlotte M. Saunders, Mrs. Maggie M. Upshaw, Mrs. Rev. W. N. Starvo, Miss Maude L. Sparks, Mrs. Rev. A. A. Wynn, President, Mrs. Sarah Middleton, Mrs. Mary A. Saunders, Mrs. Sophie Wilson, Mrs. John J. Williams, Mrs. C. H. Johnson  
 Front Row—Miss Beulah Upshaw, Miss Edna M. Kinney, Miss Irene Downey, Miss Lydia Plesanti, Miss Bertha Upshaw, Miss Hazel Upshaw, Miss Pearl Tolliver, Miss Ada Brown, Miss Rosa Brown, Miss Mary Deery, Mrs. J. J. Jones



Dolly is a very active person in her community of East Preston and throughout Nova Scotia, as a community developer and as a volunteer. Some of her involvements are listed below:

- Past Secretary of East Preston Ratepayer's Association 1972-1975
- Past Member of the District #8 Volunteer Ladies Auxillary Fire Department
- Member of the East Preston Ladies Auxillary, past Program Chairperson, Past Fund Raising Chairperson, Secretary from 1988-1991.
- Member of the East Preston Women Missionary Society Vice-President for two years, Treasurer for 1 1/2 years
- Member of the East Preston United Baptist Church served on many committees.
- Member of the East Preston Mass Choir and a Past member of the Senior Choir
- Past Superintendent of the East Preston Sunday School and Past Assistant Superintendent.
- Past Member of the East Preston Finance Board
- Past Member of the Building Fund Committee
- A Board Member of the Health Action Coalition of Nova Scotia
- A member of Local 9 Union of Nova Scotia Government Employees Union, Secretary for Local 9 for 6 years.
- Past member of the Political Action Committee for Nova Scotia Government Employees Union.
- Presently a member of the Affirmative Action Committee for the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union.
- A member of the Halifax/Bedford County School Board Monitoring Committee for the past 8 years.
- Historian Chairperson for the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia.
- A member of the Immigrant and Visible Minority Association of Nova Scotia, Past Treasurer, Presently Secretary.
- A member of the Provincial Health Council of Nova Scotia appointed through Cabinet.
- A Trustee member of Bell Park for 10 years, presently Trustee Chairperson Served for four years.
- Past President of the East Preston Home & School Association.
- First President & one of the founding members of Bell Park Home & School Association.
- A member of Bell Park P.T.A.
- Past Eye Glass Chairperson for the Lioness District 41N2 of Nova Scotia.
- Vice-President of 41N2 Lioness District of Nova Scotia for term 1991-1992.
- Past President & one of the founders of the East Preston Majorettes and later named Prestonville Twirlettes.
- Charter Member of the East Preston Lioness Club, served as Health & Welfare Chairperson for two terms, served as Director for three years, served as 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents.

- President of the East Preston Lioness Club 1984-1985, received Outstanding Award from Lions International on helping form a club in Forest Hill area named Scotia Lioness Club.
- Member of the Black Professional Women Group of Nova Scotia, Past Scholarship Chairperson, served two terms, presently Secretary served two terms.
- A Board member of the Coalition Against Apartheid Halifax/Dartmouth Chapter.
- Past Executive member of the National Congress of Black Women of Canada and served as Nova Scotia Representative for four years.
- President of the Preston/Cherry Brook/Lake Loon/Westphal & Area Chapter of the Congress of Black Women of Canada.
- Past Vice-President of the Halifax/Dartmouth Metro Chapter of the Congress of Black Women of Canada.
- Past Secretary for the Women Institute of A.U.B.A. of Nova Scotia, served two years.
- Served as a member of the Race Relations Advisory Group set up by the Federal Governments of Nova Scotia, City of Halifax and Federal Government to bring forth a plan of action for the Government to implement.
- Ran as a Candidate in the Halifax County School Board Election 1991.
- Honoured and presented with a plaque from the Dept. of Social Development of Nova Scotia in 1968.
- Extension Award received in 1985 from Lions International helping to form a Lioness Club.
- Received award from the East Preston Baptist Church for over 20 years of volunteer teaching Sunday School in 1985.
- In 1988 received from Lioness District 41N2 Certificate for service rendered.
- 1989 was honoured by the YWCA for outstanding community work and received one of the first design pin of the YWCA.
- 1990 received from Lioness District 41N2 for service rendered to the District.

Dolly has gone to many conferences and conventions as a delegate for numerous organizations and societies, most recently attending the National Conference for the Black Women of Canada and being elected as the Secretary for the National, while in Calgary, Alta., 1991. Dolly went to Winnipeg, man as a delegate for the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union to Conference 2000 sponsored by the city of Winnipeg on Employment Equity 1990.

Dolly went with a delegation from the Coalition Against Apartheid in 1990 to Toronto and met with Nelson Mandela where he shared with them the joys of freedom and what we could do in the continuing war against racism in his country.

Dolly said she give thanks to Almighty God, her Mom and Dad for instilling in them that you can be whatever you want to be. But in reaching you goals in life never forget from whence you come.



Dolly said she has had many role models to follow, firstly her Mom, Late Mrs. Edith Clayton, Late Mrs. Wilhelmina Riley, Late Mrs. Inze Cromwell, Dr. Ruth Johnson, Dr. Pearleen Oliver, Dr. Marie Hamilton, Dr. Carrie Best, Late Mrs. Georgina Harper and so many more Black women have inspired her life. And she said she know that the Black Women will always be there, they are our strength.

My hobbies are reading especially positive books, educational and travel materials, loves to fly, macrame, aerobic, working out at Nubody's. Like to watch Family movies that are realistic. Love to dancercize.

Likes to spend time with the elderly, and listen to their old stories and just be with them.



**DR. MARIE N. HAMILTON**

Marie (Waldron) Hamilton was born in Halifax. She attended Halifax schools and after finishing high school, went on to the Normal College, now the Nova Scotia Teacher's College to become a teacher. Married to the late Gerald Hamilton, they had a family of six and lived in Beechville where she immediately became active in the community.

For many years, Marie taught in schools throughout Halifax County, including North Preston, Hammonds Plains, Beechville and Cherrybrook. While working in these communities she not only taught the children, but freely offered her assistance to adults who sought her help.

After retiring from twenty years of teaching in public schools, she went on to work as a House Parent at the Halifax Protestant Orphanage on Veith Street. When the Orphanage closed and was converted into the community facility, Veith House, she stayed on to establish a pre-school program and become its first Director. She held this post for ten years, and received a Certificate of Appreciation from Veith House for her outstanding contribution.

Her interest in the education of young children did not end when she left Veith House. She went on to become an active member of many organizations dedicated to pre-school and early child education. She continues to teach early childhood programs through the extension services of the Nova Scotia Teacher's College, and she is current Chairperson of the Child Services Guild. She also is an executive member of the Board of a local Day Care Centre.

As church Clerk of the Beechville Baptist Church, Marie dedicated forty years of service, only recently retiring from the post. She has been a longtime member of the Beechville Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Women's Institute of The African United Baptist Association.

Her dedication and community work has been recognized provincially and nationally. In 1977, she was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal by the former Governor General Edward Jules Leger. In 1983, she was awarded the "Person's Award" by then Governor General Edward Schreyer, in a ceremony at Government House in Ottawa.

The Person's award recognizes outstanding contributions made towards improving the status of women in Canada. The Award was established in 1979 to celebrate the famous "Person's Case" of 1929, in which women finally won the legal right to be recognized as persons. She was the second Nova Scotian woman to receive this award.

In 1985, Mount St. Vincent University bestowed upon her the Doctor of Humane Letters Degree, in recognition of years of service to her community and the broader society. She has also been honoured by her church, the Black Educators Association of Nova Scotia, and many other community and provincial agencies.

Over the years she has been involved with a range of organizations from the National Anti-Poverty Association, the Congress of Black Women, the Ward Five Resources Council, to the Board of the Caregivers Program at Mount St. Vincent University.

She continues to be active in several organizations including the Provincial Advisory Board of Nova Scotia Coordinated Home Care Program, the North End Women's Group, and Pensioners' Concerned, among others. Moreover, she still finds time to be a volunteer tutor for literacy programs in the Halifax area. She is also a founding member and Chairperson of the newly formed Retired Teachers of Segregated Schools of Nova Scotia.

Her many years of continuing service to the community can be summed up in her own words, "Take time to care".



**DR. RUTH JOHNSON**

Born in Africville, daughter of the Late William and Edith Brown. She comes from a family of four and received her education in Africville and Richmond schools. She took courses in voice training, piano, and bookkeeping. She continued her education with the Maritime School of Social Work and received a certificate as an Indigenous Community Worker. She is married to Gerald Johnson and resides at Cobequid Road.

From 1987-1989, she served as President of the Society for the Protection and Preservation of Black Culture in Nova Scotia. Along with her position as President of the Society, she served as the organist of the Cobequid Road Baptist Church for the past 45 years, an active member of the Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary and Women's Missionary Society. For a duration of eight years, she served as Provincial Supervisor of the African United Baptist Youth Fellowship of Nova Scotia.

She also served as President and Secretary of the Woman's Institute of the A.U.B.A., and held the position of President and Official Organizer of the Women's Institute. She was also the first black woman chairperson of District 2 of the A.U.B.A.; She was a member of the H.M.S. Yielding I.O.D.E. Chapter and Treasurer of the Sackville Beaver Bank Senior Citizens Club. She is a member of the Seniors Silver and Gold Drop in Centre of Lower Sackville. She is a past Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F. Wilberforce Lodge. She is also Treasurer of the 50 Plus Sackville/Beaverbank Seniors Club.

For recreation, she is a member of the Sackville Dart Team. Along with these positions, she has served on many other boards and committees.

She was a recipient of the Harry Jerome Award of Merit in 1988 and was honoured at the 6th Annual Ceremonies in Toronto. In addition to receiving this award, she has received awards from:

- Prime Minister Brian Mulrooney on behalf of the Canadian Citizenship



- Lincoln Alexander, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- David Peterson, Premier of Ontario
- Art Eggleton, Mayor of Toronto
- First Baptist Church of Toronto and Senior Citizens and Congregation of the Cobequid Road Baptist Church
- Senior Citizens Award of Nova Scotia
- 1989 United Way Award
- 1989 Black Professional Women's Award of Nova Scotia
- Although having to walk with a cane, due to arthritis, she still offers her time and energy to helping whenever she can.
- She also served as President of the Black Culture Society of Nova Scotia
- She was honoured by Mount Saint Vincent University with her honorary Doctors Degree in Humane Letter, May 10, 1991

In responding to a statement made by an individual about coming down from "Cloud Nine" after receiving such an honour, Mrs. Johnson replied, "I was never on Cloud Nine to come down, prestige and fame is not what I am concerned about. I will be on Cloud Nine when I get my reward from God in Heaven"

Dr. Ruth Johnson's accomplishments are as endless as her love and dedication for well-being of all people. She has made a difference in the change and she too, is still making a difference for all Black Women to read about.



**ELAINE WHITE**

Elaine White is the daughter of Lillian Brothers and the late Rupert Brothers. She was born, raised and educated in Annapolis Valley. She is married to Ronald White Jr. of Middleton and they have two children - daughter Yvette 18 and a son Michael 16.

Elaine is presently in her final year of the BSW Program at the Maritime School of Social Work, Dalhousie University.

She is a member of Victoria Road United Baptist Church. Elaine has been involved in many community organizations as a volunteer, such as:

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| <b>1983-86</b> | Extra Support Parents Program - Grace Maternity Hospital.   |
| <b>1985</b>    | Board Member of the Black United Front  |
| <b>1986-87</b> | Interim President, Halifax Dartmouth/Metro Chapter of the Congress of Black Women of Canada, and a founding member of same. |
| <b>1986-89</b> | Tel Med. Program, Nova Scotia Hospital  |
| <b>1990</b>    | Board Member, Dartmouth East Black Learning Center  |
| <b>1990</b>    | Present Treasurer, PR, Bursary Committee member of the Association of Black Social Worker (ABSW)                            |
| <b>1987-90</b> | Secretary, Association of Black Social Workers  |
| <b>1991</b>    | Present Board & Public Education Committee Member, of Bryony House  |

She has worked with many organizations and government departments but recently as Residence Manager at the Halifax YWCA.

Elaine's dream is to open a house for abusive women and provide a counselling service. Her motto is "If I touch only one person in my life time, then my living will not be in vain.



**MS. IONA CRAWLEY**

Iona Crawley was born in East Preston, she went to Partridge River School until grade 3, at the age of 8 years she moved to Windsor, Nova Scotia and received her junior and high schooling from Windsor and Five Miles Plains. In 1955, she received her Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing from the Harbour County Hospital. She received her Psychology in Nursing Degree from Mount Saint Vincent in 1979.

She has several certificates - one in Child Development Services and Administration, Nova Scotia Teachers College, Truro, N.S. Certificate in Community Co-op Education, Dalhousie University. Certificate in Leadership Effective Training from Thomas Gordon Institute. Certificate in Behaviour Modification, Boston Institute of Technology. Certificate in Communication Skill and Assertiveness Training, Career Track Inc. She has several other certificates in Sociology, Business Administration and Adult Education.

Iona is the mother of four children, one son and three girls, all have degrees from universities. She is also blessed with 5 grandchildren.

Iona has worked extensively in the Medical Institution of Nova Scotia in many capacities.

In 1978-1980 she was the Administration of Bee Care Development Center for Disabled Children.

1987-1983 - Director of Northwood Adult Day Care, designed and directed the programs at the center for high risk seniors living at home, also provided counselling to the families, supervised staff and volunteers.

1978-1980 Dartmouth Contact Executive Director, was responsible for the supervision of homemakers transportation service for seniors and day care children.

1984-1987 she was Program & Volunteer Director of Windsor Elms Senior Citizen Home.

1985-1990 President of Crawley's Management Ltd., designed training programs for Black Nova Scotians. She also worked with the Youth in Addictions. Many students graduated from Crawley's Management Ltd. In April, 1990, worked for five weeks in West Africa with women and Youth programs.

Iona is now employed as consultant for the Black Learning Center, Burnside, Dartmouth.

**Volunteer Activities:**

- Past President - Halifax Womens' Business Network
- Past Member - Dartmouth East Black Learning Centre Board of Directors
- Member - Board of Governors of St. Mary's University
- Member - N.S. Family Services Association Board of Directors
- Member - Continuous Learning of Nova Scotia Board of Directors
- Member - Canadian Congress of Black Women Board of Directors ending November 1991
- Past Member - Canadian Congress of Learning Opportunities for Women, Board of Directors
- Past Member - Criminal Justice Committee for N.S. Advisory Council on the Status of Women
- Halifax District School Board 1971-1979, first black to serve on the school board, also served as Vice President.
- N.S. Home for Coloured Children
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Halifax/Dartmouth
- Early Childhood Education, N.S. Teachers College
- The Metro & Atlantic Boards of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Founding member of the Atlantic Board, and organized the first Atlantic Conference.
- Halifax/Dartmouth & Atlantic Cerebral Palsy Association.
- Past President of Save the Children of Canada.
- The Metropolitan Mental Health Planning Board.
- Halifax Board of Trade.
- Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce.
- Steering Committee & the Advisory Board on the Status of Women.
- Past President of the Halifax Neighbour Work Activity Program.
- N.S. Gerontology Association.
- Community Needs Task Force for the Metro United Way.
- Halifax City Task Force on Full Employment.
- Past President of the Black United Front.
- The Literacy Coalition for Halifax/Dartmouth.

**Awards:**

- Voted Black Woman of the Year 1975
- Women's Recognition Award Halifax Y.W.C.A. 1986
- Certificate of Merit Metro United Way, several other Certificates of Merit and Appreciation for Community Work.



**Papers Written:**

The Disabled Child & Their Needs; Children and Working Mothers; Early Intervention of Disabled Children; Children and Poverty; Aging - Death & Dying; Presented a Paper in Curaco, the Netherlands, on Drug & Alcohol Abuse;

Supt. of Sunday School at Beechville United Baptist Church.

Member Board of Directors of the Black Cultural Society & Assistant Treasurer.

Iona has made a difference for many Black Nova Scotians and she is still working toward the betterment of Blacks, and all Nova Scotians regardless of their skin colour.



**MRS. IVA BERNICE CLAYTON**

Iva Bernie Clayton was born in Amherst, N.S. the daughter of the Late Clarence and Eva (Cummings) Martin. She was educated in Amherst public schools and the Cumberland County Academy. She gave her heart to the Lord and joined the A.M.E. Church. She taught Sunday School in both the A.M.E. and the Salvation Army. She taught school for over 20 years in Digby, Guysborough and Halifax Counties. In later years she worked as a Civil Servant for both the Federal and the Provincial Government retiring from the Dept. of Motor Vehicle in 1974.

She is a member of the East Preston Baptist Church, the East Preston Ladies Auxilliary, East Preston Red Cross Society and the Association of Retired Teachers of Segregated Schools. She is the president of the East Preston Senior Citizen Club. She was married to the late Ralph Clayton and resides in East Preston.

Mrs. Clayton gave many hours volunteering her time to help many residents of East Preston and other communities in helping them fill out Income Tax Returns for many years. Mrs. Clayton has made a difference in her community.



**JOSEPHINE JOHNSON**

Josephine Johnson was born in North Preston, Nova Scotia. After completing elementary school in her community, she attended adult education classes and completed senior high school. She continued in adult leadership courses at Tatamagouche, and an Early Childhood Education Course at St. Joseph's Children's Center. She was the first director of the North Preston Day Care Centre, and remained in that position for 15 years.

She is married to the former Halifax County Councillor, Arnold Johnson, and they have three grown children, all well educated. Josephine went on to take administration and accounting courses, St. John's Ambulance, food services, etc. Josephine is active in every organization in her church and community and served as a supervisor of youth for the African Baptist Association. She finds time to camp with her husband and family.

At Present she is a co-ordinator for Child Development Class, under the Child Development Service Nova Scotia.





**JOYCE ROSS**

Born in the community of East Preston, daughter of Mrs. Edith Colley and the late James A. Colley. Married to Mr. John Ross, has five children and 6 grandchildren.

She began working in the church and community at an early age of 14 years. At the age of 16, she became president of the local B.Y.P.U. during that time she organized a committee of seven people in 1961 to look into the possibility of building a Recreation Centre in the community, so young people could come, meet and have social functions. Not only the young but the old as well, and all community organizations and individuals could benefit from this facility.

This was successful in 1967, the building was opened for public use. She stayed with the group as president for 11 years to see that the building was kept free. This building still stands and is used well, there has been two additions since that time.

In 1969 during that time she worked as a community health aid under a program that was sponsored by the Black United Front, her area was East Preston, North Preston, Cherry Brook and the Black population of Dartmouth. One of the projects consisted of doing a survey of the community getting information as to; if they had a choice what would they like to see in the community to make it a better place to live. One of the top three things were; a Day Care facility. This was mostly requested by the grandparents who were looking after their grandchildren while their children worked. They felt they would have more free time to do what they wanted. Following the completion of the project Mrs. Ross chose 5 ladies to help her in looking into the possibility of getting a Day Care facility. She was successful in getting another community building, and was made chairperson of the committee until the building was opened in June 1974 to be used for a Day Care facility. She then stepped down as chairperson and was chosen as Executive Director of the Day Care Centre. The Centre was opened for children in September 1974 and now they are in their 18th year and she is still holding that position.

Mrs. Ross had been a community worker for over 38 years and has accomplished a great deal, because of her strong faith in God. She believes in making God first place in her life, then all other things seem to fall in place.

She also organized the Girl Guide movement in the community of East Preston in 1981 and was the First District Commissioner for that area. She also sat on the Provincial Council of Girl Guides and she is still involved as District Treasurer. She organized the Boys Scouts movement and is still involved as Committee Chairperson.

Other present involvement, Church: She is the Provincial President of the Women's Institute. Under her leadership they have organized several workshops to broaden peoples' knowledge on Family Violence, Stress, Media & Black Communities, Race Relations, etc., all which have been quite successful. Under Mrs. Ross' leadership they have been responsible in getting New Cap Broadcasting to sponsor two students per year who are pursuing a career in Journalism and Broadcasting.

She is also a member of the East Preston Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School Bible Class Teacher, and have an out reach Ministry to the Seniors and the Sackville Correctional Centre, and she is also a member of the East Preston Church Council.

Mrs. Ross is also secretary for the Preston Area Development Fund, and a member of the Province Round Table on Day Care. She chaired a committee receiving a grant from the Dept. of Health and Fitness to do a program on Wellness and good health in the community of East Preston, which is going quite well.

Past activities that she was involved in consists of: a Board Member of B.U.F., Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, Black Cultural Centre (one of the founding members); Atlantic Child Guidance; Dartmouth Y.M.C.A.; School Trustee of Partridge River School; sat on the Halifax County School Board Monitoring Committee; Councillor for the East Preston B.Y.F.; Past President of the East Preston Church Building Fund; past volunteer cross walk attendant as school bus stopped at Governor Street; past member of United Way Task Force Committee; and past member of United Way Task Force Committee; and past organizer of Continuing Education Program in East Preston.

Mrs. Ross is a very hard working person, who has been in the work force at an early age of 14 years, and she has never been without a job. She is still working and hopes to for a while yet. She is one of 18 children and completed her education by going to Adult Education Programs and University Programs. She is always looking for new challenges and exploring new ideas. She loves to work with people and her hobbies include traveling, knitting, meeting new friends. Her goal/dream is to write a book on her family, the "Colley's", whose grandmother died last June, leaving over six generations of children.





**KAREN DARCELL HUDSON**

Karen Hudson is a young woman who has strong Christian beliefs and commitment to the development of a better world. She believes that all people are created equal and should be accepted into this society. Her personal values stem from her family upbringing, where she contributes her sensitivity and caring qualities to her parents.

She was born in Toronto to the parents of Kenneth and Yvonne Hudson. She is the eldest of five children, who presently resides in Cherry Brook. Karen did her schooling in Nova Scotia where she graduated from Dalhousie University with a B.A. (Honours) in International Development Studies and B.Education in Social Studies.

Karen has travelled to parts of Asia, Africa, Carribean, U.S.A. and Canada. In 1985, Karen was chosen as a youngest youth delegate to represent Canada at "The End of the Decade for Woman - United Nations Conference" in Nairobi, Kenya and over 10,000 women participated in this conference. In addition, she worked in Talland and Kenya as a cross-cultural trainer.

She continues to dedicate time and energy to community and international, through participating in various groups and organizations such as OXFAM Canada, African Canadian Education Project (ACEP), Coalition Against Apartheid, Cultural Awareness Youth Group of N.S., Metro-Halifax YMCA, Red Cross Branch of East Preston, and Congress of Black Women.



**KIM BERNARD**

Kim was raised in a small Black community called Lake Loon located in the Westphal Dartmouth area. She comes from a large family of 9 children including herself. Her parents are Elsie and George Bernard. She has 6 sisters and 2 brothers.

In 1987, Kim graduated from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Arts and later decided to pursue a career in Social work. In May of last year 1991, Kim graduated from the Maritime School of Social Work Bachelor of Social Work program.

Over the years, Kim has had many summer jobs as well as full time jobs in the area of social work, but since she graduated in May, she has been employed as a Community AIDS Educator with the Nova Scotia Persons with AIDS Coalition. Kim is on a two year Black Outreach Project to provide AIDS outreach to the Black communities in Nova Scotia.

Kim has been very active in the Black community for a number of years through volunteer work on boards, consultative committees and as a professional cultural/performing artist. Some of the Black organizations Kim is involved with are: Adhoc Black Women's Group, Anti-Racism and Human Rights Network, Association of Black Social Workers and the Black History Month Planning Committee. Kim's most important interest is with Black youth. Over the last 3 1/2 years she has held many positions with the Cultural Awareness Youth Group of N.S. as Program Coordinator, President, Vice President and Secretary. Kim is concerned with the educational, cultural and career development of Black youth in N.S. This interest can also be seen in her involvement with the African Canadian Education Project for the last 3 years. ACEP is a volunteer organization dedicated to fostering higher academic achievement of African Canadian children and youth.



As noted earlier, Kim is considered a professional/cultural performing artist with the soulful a capella singing group "Four the Moment". Four the Moments' musical influences range from soul to gospel to jazz and they follow a folk tradition of singing about injustice and oppression, historic and current, at home and abroad.

In addition to singing with the group Four the Moment, Kim is often asked to perform solo and is one of the lead singers in the well known reggae band "UMOJA".



**MRS. LAVINIA HARRIS**

Mrs. Lavinia Gertrude Harris, nee Glasgow, was born in East Preston on June 6, 1907 to John and Mirarah (Johnson) Glasgow. She was the elder of seven children. Lavinia and Aubrey were from the first marriage. She is survived by three brothers, Aubrey, Charles, John and two sisters Elsie and Mary.

Vinnie, otherwise known as, married Clayton Thomas Harris and settled in Beechville where she currently resides. Vinnie and Clayton had no biological children of their union, but were very interested in the welfare of children in need.

The Harris' received a certificate from the government of Nova Scotia commending them for 38 years of service in the foster parents plan.

The children came from all over the province, Halifax, Dartmouth, East Preston, Hammonds Plains, Guysborough, Annapolis County, Springhill...all the children were black, a couple were handicapped, some were orphaned or abandoned. Others came simply because their parents couldn't look after them.

Her late husband Clayton was a handyman. He worked on the roads, in construction, wherever work could be found. Mrs. Harris went into service doing housework. The Harris' were active in the churches. They were both members of Beechville Baptist Church before becoming members of the

Pentecostal Christian View Church in Spryfield. She was instrumental in forming the Ladies Auxiliary in Beechville and her late husband was instrumental in getting the Brotherhood formed in Beechville.

Until her illness in 1991, Mrs. Harris was still driving her car and doing light house cleaning two days a week. She is Honourary Member of the East Preston Women Missionary Society. She enjoys travelling and meeting people. Mrs. Harris is an energetic and inspiring woman who attributes her successes to "God" and "Honest Hard Work".



**MAXINE BROOKS**

Maxine Brooks is the daughter of Rita Brooks and the Late George Brooks Sr. of East Preston.

Her Mom and Dad were blessed with 21 children, surviving are 18 children and she has 6 brothers and 11 sisters.

Maxine received her early education from Partridge River School, She graduated from Graham Creighton High School and the Dartmouth Vocational School now named I.W. Akerley Community College.

Maxine and her family is the 4th generation of Mr. William Deer, one of the proprietor of the Stag Inn which was located in East Preston.

Maxine worked with the Black United Front of Nova Scotia for five years before leaving to join the staff of the Black Culture Center. Maxine's work began with the Society when it first opened its office in February 1989 as Secretary to the Project Co-ordinator. Her duties were multifold. Maxine carried on with good will, strength of character and a work ethic of value and responsibility. She served there with four different managers from Secretary to Administrative Assistant to Acting Executive Director.

Maxine has served on many boards and committees of organizations and groups, to name a few, Planning Committee for YWCA Women's Recognition



Dinner and Board Directors of the East Preston Boys & Girls Club.

Maxine served in many groups in the East Preston Church, she was a past member of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, a youth Choir member, Organizer and one of the founders of the East Preston Church Day Care Program during services in the Church. She is a member of the Preston/Cherry Brook/Lake Loon/ Westphal and Area Chapter of the Congress of Black Women of Canada.

Maxine is a very quiet individual going around helping to make better improvements for tomorrow. Maxine has and will continue to be a woman that help make the difference in East Preston and within the Province of Nova Scotia.



**NATHERINE WILLIS**

Natherine was born to the parents of James and Leona Downey (Beals) she has 8 sisters and 4 brothers. She received her early education in the elementary School in North Preston. She is a mother of 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls.

Natherine went to Vocational School, Woodside where she received her grade 12. In 1977, Natherine received a diploma in Waitress-Waiter Dining Service. In December of 1982, she gained her Master Hairdresser License, just 10 years later, she became a master at her most favorite job.

In April 1986, The North Preston Medical Day Care Society gave Natherine a Certificate recognizing the services she provided at the Center. In April 1989, she opened her own business, "Soul Clipper Hairstyling II, which is still in operation today. In 1989, she received recognition from Soul Clipper

Hairstyling in Halifax for service rendered. On October 27, 1990, Natherine graduated from Teacher's College, Having completed Level Four of her Child Development Service Associate Program. She accomplished this over a number of years receiving her Level One in June 1978, Level Two in June of 1979, and Level Three in October 1980.

In October of 1991, Natherine became a Master Instructor, which enables her to teach hairdressing to others. She is one of the few Black Women who have such a title.

Natherine is also currently a member of the St. Thomas Baptist Church Ladies Auxillary where she has been a member for 10 years and an active member at that. Natherine has excelled in her career goals as a Black woman and through it all has made a difference for others to follow.



**DR. PEARLEEN OLIVER, D.Litt.**

**Introspect:**

I am thankful to God for the health, strength, and inspiration to have fulfilled 56 years of continuous volunteer service to the Black Church and Community of Nova Scotia. I began this service upon my marriage at age 19 years to a student Minister, Lic. William P. Oliver. We celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1986, having nourished and educated five sons, and helped the nourishing of ten grand-children and three great-grand children. The following outline is a Profile of my service to Church and Community, along with the constant care of my family.

**Volunteer Work Within the Baptist Church:**

1. Maritime Baptist Convention, Atlantic Provinces  
Served on the following Boards and Committees
  - a) Maritime Religious Education Council
  - b) Social Service Board



- c) Historical Committee
- d) Executive Board of Women's Missionary Union

## 2. African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia (A.U.B.A.)

a) 1944-1948 Appointed as Official Supervisor of Young People's Work.

Sponsored a yearly EDUCATION MONTH, with all proceeds from offerings and special projects being placed in an Education Fund. When this fund had grown to \$900.00 it was presented to the African Association with the stipulation that they use it to start a SCHOLARSHIP FUND, this was the beginning of the highly successful Scholarship Award program of the A.U.B.A.

b) Organized the Nurse's Fund within the Ladies Auxiliary in 1946, and was appointed the first Treasurer. This fund later became known as the TRUST FUND.

c) Served terms as President, and as Secretary of the Provincial Ladies Auxiliary A.U.B.A.

d) Served as Official Organizer of Women's Work 1968-1972, and again from 1980-1984.

e) Presented to a small group of women at Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, her idea for a Women's Institute. She presented to them her ideas of programs and other data which was accepted. It began in a small way in 1955 and 1956, growing into the large Provincial Organization of today.

f) Served as Chairperson, for many years, on the following African Baptist

### Committees:

1. Social Services
2. Education
3. Press and Publicity
4. Scholarship
5. Music
6. Historical

g) Was elected the FIRST WOMAN MODERATOR of the African Baptist Association, serving during the years of 1976-1978. During this official period she spoke in many churches throughout the Maritimes on the work of the African Association, including two addresses at the First Baptist Church in Toronto.

### Volunteer Community Work

The decade from 1940-1950 brought many racial problems to a head. Pearleen Oliver became a founding and working member of the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People. Two problems to which she directed all her energies were: (1) the strict barriers against Black girls entering the Nursing Profession; and (2) the racial slurs and demeaning stories in school books. She made the barrier against Black Girls training in hospitals her crusade, and formed alliances with Black girls throughout Canada, gathering valuable information on their efforts to enter nursing. Her main contact was with Ruth Bailey of Toronto, who wrote that she had tried every Hospital in Canada and had been refused because of her colour. Pearleen Oliver had

documentation on three girls in Nova Scotia who had been refused because of their Colour. She began a program of public speaking at Business and Service Clubs, and to any other church, or group, who would listen. She averaged three speeches per week, always with excellent publicity. Within a year of such speaking she received a call from the Board of the Children's Hospital in Halifax requesting that she send two high school graduates to them, but stating that they could not guarantee that the girls would be permitted to affiliate with the other hospitals in the area. Two outstanding Black girls were chosen by Mrs. Oliver - Ruth Bailey of Toronto and Gwen Barton of Halifax.

These fine women accepted the challenge, enrolled in the classes at the Children's Hospital and ultimately broke down the barriers in all Hospitals across Canada. They graduated from the Children's Hospital in September of 1948. Thus discrimination ended for Black women in Canada in the field of Nursing.

Pearleen Oliver kept up the speaking crusade against demeaning stories in the school books and by 1950, Little Black Sambo had disappeared from the school system. In all her speaking crusades, she was supported fully by the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

### Other Community Work Included:

- a) Served 6 years on the Board of the Maritime Home for Girls in Truro, Nova Scotia.
- b) Served on Y.W.C.A. Committees.
- c) Working member of the InterFaith Religious Group
- d) Served as Secretary to the Recreation Committee of Halifax
- e) Member of the Board for the Nova Scotia Cancer Society
- f) Active member of the first Council of the Black United Front of Nova Scotia
- g) President of the Halifax-Dartmouth C.G.I.T. Leadership Council
- h) Leader of two C.G.I.T. groups, organizing and leading in girl's summer camps.
- i) In 1985, over a period of one year, she collected hundreds of artifacts on the Black Church, including copies of old documents, pictures and other old artifacts, spanning 200 years of work of the Black Church in Nova Scotia. This was presented to the Black Cultural Society, along with a framed calligraphied list of all Black Ordained Clergymen in Nova Scotia since 1785.

### Published Works:

1. History of Coloured Baptists of Nova Scotia 1785-1953 (out of print)
2. A Root and a Name
3. An Historic Minority
4. From Generation to Generation
5. Other pamphlets and articles for religious Magazines and Papers



A Few Honours Received and Much Appreciated  
 1945 Presented with an engraved silver pendant by the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People  
 1950 Chosen by Chatelaine Magazine for their series - Women of Halifax  
 1972 Framed Citation from the Board of the Black United Front for services rendered to the Black Communities of Nova Scotia  
 1980 Elected to the Nova Scotia Ebony Wall of Fame  
 1981 Received the first Woman of the Year Award, Y.W.C.A.  
 1989 Recognized by the Black Professional Women's Group of Nova Scotia for outstanding Community Services  
 1990 Recognized by the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia and the Secretary of State, Multiculturalism in this year's Calendar honouring Nova Scotian Black Women of Distinction (Past and Present)

Many plaques and certificates of appreciation have been received from community and church groups. All are appreciated and highly valued.

#### Today 1990's

Pearleen Oliver will celebrate her 73rd birthday in June and is still active in church and community work. She works with two Choirs at the Beechville Baptist Church where she has been the Organist for the past 31 years.

She was honoured at the Fall Convocation of St. Mary's University, Halifax, N.S. when she received an Honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) on October 28/90, also she was honored to give the Convocation Address (the first Black Nova Scotian woman to do so).

1991 Citation from "Youth On The Move" Cole Harbour District High School  
 1991 Cultural Awareness Youth Group of Nova Scotia for contributions as a Black "First" Nova Scotian

1991 African Baptist Youth Citation Plaque  
 1991 President's Award, Black Cultural Centre



**SYLVIA D. HAMILTON**

Sylvia Hamilton was born in Beechville, Halifax County. She attended elementary school in Beechville, and later in nearby Lakeside after Beechville school was closed in the move to integrate public schools in Nova Scotia in the late 1950's. She attended Halifax West High School, graduating in 1968, the first student in her community to do so. Sylvia enrolled at Acadia University where she graduated with a B.A. Degree in English and Sociology.

After completing university, she began work at New Options, an inner-city Halifax alternative school for youth who had dropped out of school. There she counselled students and taught subjects ranging from basic reading to Black Literature.

In the early 1970's she moved to Ottawa to take up the position of Assistant Director of Communications for the Company of Young Canadians (CYC), a national community development agency. Working from the headquarters office, she was responsible for research, publications, media liaison and the information needs of CYC staff across Canada.

Before returning to Nova Scotia, she moved to Labrador where she travelled and worked in social and community development programs. While there she assisted communities to organize to deal with the social impact of offshore oil development.

She pursued her interest in communications through training in the field of radio broadcasting, following which she worked for several radio stations in Halifax, including CBC.

Over the years she has worked professionally and as a volunteer for a wide range of community organizations. She was an active member of the Black Educators Association where she prepared research reports on the develop-



ment of curriculum materials on Black History for use in provincial schools. She worked closely with the late Dr. P.A. (Tony) Johnstone to create indexes on ethnocultural groups in Nova Scotia for the Department of Education and later wrote two scripts and a teacher's guide on Black Loyalists for then Ethnic Services and Education Media Services.

For many years she was involved in the Congress of Black Woman, assisting in the organization of the Congress Conference in Halifax, in 1976. She served on the National Executive and worked to organize local chapters in the Halifax/Dartmouth Area in the late 1970's. As a member of the National Steering Committee for the first National Black Artists Conference held in Montreal, she organized local delegates to ensure Nova Scotia's Black artists were represented.

In the early 1980's, she joined the Department of the Secretary of State where she has held various positions including Assistant Regional Director, and Acting Regional Director.

For many years, research and writing in the area of Black Social and Cultural History and Black Woman's History have been her abiding concerns. Her historical and literary writings have been published in several Canadian journals. Widely sought after as a guest speaker, she has presented her work at a variety of local and national conferences, in schools, universities and community programs.

In 1989, the landmark film, BLACK MOTHER BLACK DAUGHTER, which she researched, wrote, narrated and co-directed was released by the National Film Board of Canada, Atlantic Centre. Screened at over 25 film festivals throughout Canada, the United States and France, the highly acclaimed film celebrates the lives and experiences of Black women in Nova Scotia. The film has won two Awards and was premiered across Canada in February 1990 to full houses.

She is currently working as a Program Consultant and filmmaker with the National Film Board of Canada, Atlantic Centre, and Studio D, the Women's Studio, Montreal. At Studio D, she has been instrumental in creating a first ever filmmaking program for Women of the First Nations and Women of Colour to enable them to make films about their experiences, from their perspectives.

She is also directing a documentary film for the Atlantic Centre focusing on the experiences of Black youth today. Tentatively titled, BLACK YOUTH NOW! the film will offer Black youth an opportunity to see and hear themselves and through the film, to share their experiences with others.

In her work she has endeavoured to demonstrate a commitment to her community and to those who have broken the paths so that she would have the opportunity to also make a contribution to the betterment of society as a whole.

### **Voluntary Work**

Black Educators Association  
Black Cultural Society  
Congress of Black Women  
National Advisory Committee to Minister of Multiculturalism  
Black History Month Organizing Committee (Halifax)\*\*  
Halifax YMCA\*\*  
Halifax City Regional Library  
Captain William Spry Community Centre  
Voice of Woman\*\*  
Halifax Children's Foundation  
North End Area Health Association (North End Health Clinic)  
Dalhousie University Chair of Black Studies Steering Committee  
Dalhousie Law School, Indigenous Black/Micmac Law Program Advisory Board\*\*  
Harbour City Homes (City of Halifax, Non-profit Housing Association)  
Canadian Women's Studies Association\*\*  
Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

*(\*\*Indicates current volunteer work/membership)*

### **Publications:**

#### **Essays**

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'On the Way to Africa', the story of Black Loyalists, former American slaves who left Nova Scotia to settle in Sierra Leone, West Africa in 1792, Horizon Canada, Vol.5, No.54, 1987.

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#### **Poetry**

Women Of Colour, Fireweed (1983) Canadian Women Poets, Fireweed (1986) A Feminist Quarterly.

Other Voices, Writings by Blacks in Canada, edited by Lorris Elliot, Williams-Wallace publishers Inc. 1985

Fire on the Water, An Anthology of Black Nova Scotian Writing, (forthcoming) edited by George Elliot Clarke, 1992



### **Conferences/Presentations (recent)**

Presenter, "Black Women in Canada" Panel, Canadian Women Studies Association, Canadian Learned Societies, Kingston, Ontario, May 1991.

Guest Lecturer/Presenter, Film presentation of BLACK MOTHER BLACK DAUGHTER, and accompanying lecture on Role of Black women in the church and community in Nova Scotia, Hayward Lecture Series, Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, October 1991.

Presenter, Vancouver Black History Month Forum, "Understanding Black Women's Realities", presentation entitled: "Reflections: Uncovering Black Women's History in Nova Scotia", February 1992.



**CAROLE ELAINE SYMONDS**

Carole Elaine Symonds of Halifax, Nova Scotia accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour at the age of eight and was baptised into the Christian Faith.

She married Calvin Symonds of Hammonds Plains and they now have a family of eight all of whom are young adults today.

Carole has been active for many years in church and community organizations: She has served as a former Church Clerk; as a member of the Hammonds Plains Community Development Association; and as a former BYF Counsellor and Sunday School Teacher. Carole was employed for many years as the Liaison Officer with Homemaker's Bureau, and represented the Bureau of the National Women's Rights Symposium in Ottawa. She was also a Delegate to the North American Baptist Women's Fellowship held in Nassau, Bahamas for the African United Baptist Association Women's Institute of Nova Scotia.

Carole has also served as a District Representative for the African United Baptist Association Women's Institute and as a Past Chairperson of the

African United Baptist Association Social Services Committee. She also worked as a Community Outreach Worker in Truro. She was a Member of the Board of the Third Place Transition House, a women's shelter in Truro. Carole organized the Zion Ladies Auxiliary of which she is a Past President. She is also a Past Member of the Truro and District Human Rights Affirmative Action Committee. She is presently the Provincial Supervisor of the African United Baptist Association, Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Since her husband has come to pastor at Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, Carole has reorganized the BYF group of which she is now Supervisor.

Carole loves and enjoys all types of people and it is truly a blessing to have her interact within our Black Churches of Nova Scotia.



**VICTORIA CRAWLEY-CLAYTON**

Victoria Crawley-Clayton is the daughter of Mr. Alfred Crawley and Elsie Glasgow-Crawley of East Preston, Victoria was born and raised in the community of East Preston. She comes from a family of 15 children; 9 boys and 6 girls. They all reside in Canada, East Preston, Montreal and Toronto.

She started her education at Partridge River Elementary School, through to Graham Creighton Senior High School after which she went on to further her education at Montreal High School in Montreal, Quebec. For the past seven years Victoria has worked for the Preston Area Housing Fund as the Property Business Manager. Her job involves three Black Communities, and the Lake Major and Lake Loon areas. Since her employment with the Preston Area Housing Fund, one of her major jobs is to improve the housing needs in the Preston Area: upgrading existing housing; assisting in the delivery of programs with the Provincial and Federal Governments; and providing loans and mortgages for residents. As you tour through the Preston Areas the housing improvements are very noticeable.



Victoria has received her Housing Rehabilitation Skills Certificates in Dwellings Inspecting & Specification Writing in 1987 from Henson College and Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation.

Victoria is also a member and Usher of the East Preston Church, a past member of the W.M.S. (Womens Missionary Society), a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Past Vice-President of the East Preston Recreation Association and Past Recording Secretary of the East Preston Ratepayers. Other positions include being a member of the Preston Area Economic Board of Trade, a founding member of The Congress of Black Women Preston Chapter and presently its Treasurer.

Victoria was also active in the Black Community Centre in Ville Lasalle, Quebec. Her involvement included recreational programs for Senior Citizens and an exercise program.

Victoria's hobbies are poetry writing, reading, and bowling.

Victoria's goals are to continue ensuring efficient and effective delivery of housing needs of the Preston areas.



## FLORENCE SMITH BAULD

Florence was born in Weymouth Falls, Nova Scotia, the daughter of Grace and the late John Smith. She now resides in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, with husband Douglas.

At the age of six, the family moved to Bear River where they took up residence (Her mother's former home).

Florence received her early education in Oakdene School, Bear River from Grades I to XI. There were only twelve black children enrolled in the school, and it is interesting to hear the progress of those children today.

At the age of fifteen, Florence took a Home Study Course in Music and received a certificate of Award from the USA School of Music, which qualified her to teach Piano Lessons. After finishing high school, Florence went to Saint John, New Brunswick, seeking employment.

After five years living in Saint John, Florence was approached to teach school in Weymouth Falls. She accepted the call and attended Summer School at the Provincial Normal College, in Truro.

**1952-54.** Florence taught two years in Weymouth Falls. She was very active in Home and School and Church activities.

**1954-55.** Once again, Florence received a call from the Inspector of Schools for Halifax County, Mr. BC Silver to accept a position in a one room school in Lucasville, which had an enrollment of forty-eight, primary to grade nine. Because of Florence's dedication and efficiency, Florence received a Bursary to attend the Provincial Normal College, graduating in 1957. Teaching practise was performed in the following schools, La Merchant Street School, Alice Street School and in the Public School, Digby.



Florence continued her teaching career in Partridge River School, East Preston. She lived in the community for three years, spending extra time in the evenings teaching Adult Education, and attending Home and School meetings. **1960-63.** She received a Music Education Diploma from the Maritime Conservatory of Music.

**1965.** Florence received a certificate from the Department of Education for a course taken in Community Development. Florence was secretary of the Negro Education Council which was founded by the late Dr. W.P. Oliver.

**1972.** Florence received a "Citation" in recognition of outstanding voluntary service for organizing and directing Branches of the Canadian Red Cross Youth for fifteen years.

**1979-73.** Florence completed a three-year course in Office Practice and Typing. By this time, Florence had completed nineteen years of teaching in Partridge River School. She made sure that her students were receiving the best education as possible. She was always vocal in her opinions concerning the Education System. Florence prepared her pupils for the Music Festivals, put on play for T.V., Fire House Frolics, and sent in the childrens displays to the County Exhibitions.

**1975.** Florence received a Sabbatical Leave to study. She enrolled in the Music Department at Dalhousie where she took further courses in music. She received a certificate, qualifying her to teach music in the Public Schools of Nova Scotia.

**1976-90.** During these years, she completed fourteen years teaching in North Preston Schools; the Nelson Whynder School and the Allan W. Evans School.

Florence has devoted all of her life to improve the life of her students, colleagues and community. Florence takes great pride in the recognition and awards that her pupils as a class have received, such as certificates, books for work done in Art, presented by Gerald Regan, HMS Good Hope Chapter, Nova Scotia Energy Council Conservation, Recognition for work done on Human Rights Day, Certificate for Non-Smoking School, sent articles to the Halifax Herald Mail Star, Children's Show Case. Presented a hand-painted Portrait Quilt to the Black Cultural Centre, and much more. Florence has been a member of many organizations; Black Professional Womens Group, organizer and founder 1969. Past President, member Black Educators Association, NSAACP, Ebony Club, School Rep., NSTU, AUBA Education Committee for eight years, Music Education Committee, Board of Mental Health, N.S. Choral Society.

Florence has served on the Board of the Black Cultural Society in many capacities for nine years. Florence although retired, does not stop volunteering her time and talent whenever asked to. Florence reaches out to all people young and old, those of various back ground, regardless of race or religion.

September, 1990, Florence initiated a Reunion for teachers who taught in the Segregated Schools of Nova Scotia. Florence will never lack for things to do. She enjoys reading, knitting, bowling, travelling, and collecting artifacts.

The issues facing women today are of great significant, and we as woman-be young or old, have to address them. Frederick Douglas once said. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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| <b>1946</b> | U.S.A. School of Music - certificate.   |
| <b>1955</b> | HMS Aldernary Chapter Bursary for Provincial Normal College.  |
| <b>1972</b> | Citation from Red Cross Society in recognition of outstanding voluntary service for 15 years in organizing and directing branches of the Red Cross Youth. |
| <b>1975</b> | Recipient for Sabbatical Leave Plaque.  |
| <b>1987</b> | Recognition for faithful service to Victoria Road United Baptist Church Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) Plaque.  |
| <b>1987</b> | Recognition for faithful service to Victoria Road United Baptist Church Mens Brotherhood Certificate.   |
| <b>1989</b> | YWCA Award in recognition of outstanding contribution toward improving the status of women in the community.  |
| <b>1989</b> | Nova Scotia Teachers Union, certificate in recognition of 35 years of service to the youth of the Province of Nova Scotia.                                |
| <b>1989</b> | Black Educators Association, education award for community service.   |
| <b>1989</b> | The Black Professional Women's Group of Nova Scotia; certificate for outstanding community service.   |
| <b>1990</b> | Certificate for service rendered in the Segregated Schools of Nova Scotia.  |
| <b>1991</b> | Provincial Volunteer Week certificate in recognition of Exceptional Volunteer Service of the City of Dartmouth.   |



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