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Council President and Members of City Council

Please see the information attached regarding a History of Alice S. Williams.

Respectfully,

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**THIS EMAIL IS FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL ACCOUNT**

Dear Friends,

Here is the History of the Alice S. Williams Library in detailed from Mrs. Dianne Robinson, local historian, a friend and Board Member of the Gen. Chappie James Museum, Inc.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Doc Marion Willaims

----- Original Message -----

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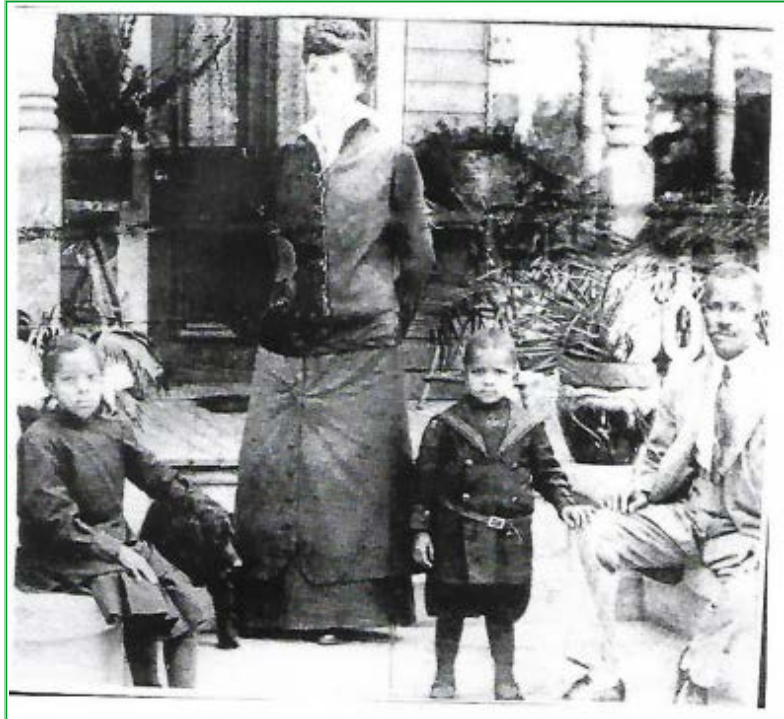
Subject: Alice S Williams

Dr. Williams, would you please forward this on to Jewel C Wynn, this is some of my research work I had done one on Alice S. Williams. i had given them a copy some time ago,but she couldn't find it. It has been proofed. Dianne let me know if you got it.

## Alice S. Williams Library

*Alice Strudivant Williams* was the wife of Dr. H. G. Williams, A Graduate of Merry Medical College of Nashville Tennessee, In the 1890's he established his practice in Pensacola. He was one of Pensacola well-known Doctor who operated a Drug Store at 129 North Palafox on the corner of Palafox and Gregory Street in the City of Pensacola. Because of the "Jim Crow Law", he was force to closed the business. In about 1912, He moved the business to 510 North DeVilliers and ran the Pensacola Drug Store there, and a popular Ice cream parlor was included..

## Dr. H. G. Williams Family



*(Daughter) Dorothy Williams Steen Mrs. Alice S. Williams. (Son) Garrett Williams Jr., Dr. H. G. Williams*

*Alice S. Williams* was born in Mobile Alabama in 1880. She came to Pensacola in 1902, and married Dr. H. Garrett Williams in 1903, and to that marriage a daughter Dorothy William Steen, an educator, and a former Librarian at B. T. Washington High School, and a son H. Garrett Williams Jr. died at an early age.

*By 1913, **Alice S. Williams** had invited the National Association of Colored Women Clubs, organization President, Margaret Washington to her Pensacola home at 510 North Devilliers Street. Mrs. Washington was the wife of Booker T. Washington, she had come to Pensacola to talk to the community about the development of women club activities and how they could address social issues, to improve their living conditions. Mrs. Washington spoke at the Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church giving them some encouraging words about the development of Women Clubs in the community of Pensacola. There was a large crowd in attendance.*

*By the 1920's **Alice S. Williams** had received her degree for teaching and taught at several schools in Florida. She started the first night school in her home at 510 North DeVilliers Street. She had six to ten students a night. The Night School was to aid and support working mother and families in the community. While her husband gave Health talks to the community. They both made significant contributions to the Pensacola community.*

*In later years, the community came together to remember what contributions **Mrs. Williams** had made to the community, and after the library closed, the building became a day care and a second day-care was open in her name, it was operated by a Pensacola community group. The **Alice S. Williams # 2 Day-care** was located at the 617 West Gadsden Street, the building still remains there today. It is next door to the Greater Mount Lily Baptist Church.*

***Mrs. Alice S. Williams** had an extensive teaching career, she taught at the Pensacola Normal School, a private institute under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Lewis. In later years she became Principal of the West Florida Baptist Academy, which was the site of the A. A. Dixon School today. During the summer months, she taught School at Edward Water College in Jacksonville, Florida. She loved teaching and educated young children.*

*In about the 1930's she enter into the Public School systems and taught at the School# 3, and the A. M. DeVaughn School #104. Here is a picture of **Mrs. Alice S. Williams**, front row left to right, as a teacher in the 1930's at A. M. DeVaughn School #104, other Faculty members are **Mrs. Reeves**, **Mrs. Evannah Barge**, not for sure if that's **Miss. Susie Pete**, and next to her is **Mrs. Malvina Wingate**.*

### ***A. M. DeVaughn School #104***



***SCHOOL #104 Back***

***row: Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Evannah Barge***

***Front row: Mrs. Alice S. Williams, (Miss. Susie Pete, or Alberta Spann )Mrs. Malvin A. Winget***

***Alice S. Williams & her husband Dr. Williams made a significant contributions to early establishment of the Pensacola African American community. In 1940 Alice S. Williams became Assistance Principal of B. T. Washington High School. It was said that, Mrs. Alice S. Williams “contributions to intellectual growth of Pensacola was unequaled earn for her total respect of thousand of Pensacola’s of all races.” Alice Died Oct 15, 1941. She and Dr. Garrett Williams is buried in St. John Cemetery.***

***In the 1940's***  
***Pensacola's African American Community "Needed" A Public Library***

*A Public Library was needed for the African American Community, to address the need; a group of African American men formed a building committee, and a finance committee to build a Public Library. In the Colored Citizen Newspaper dated October 7, 1949 printed*

***"Public Library Drive Speed -up"***

*The Building Committee and the Finance Committee met to completed plan for pouring the foundation for the Library building to be constructed at E & Gonzalez Street. C. Wynn Chairman of the Building Committee is asking all men who will meet him on Saturday morning at the site.( it rain that weekend, prevented the pouring of the cement foundation. The Finance Committee latest report was cash \$7.60. Mrs. Louise Killete \$5.00 Sorority Sewing Club \$5.00, C. L. Lambert \$5.00 Total \$22.60.*

*"The Finance Committee had some Special benefit planned for raising funds for the library. A carnival will be held at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & Brainard Street, on Wednesday thru Saturday night. Also a carnival will be held Saturday night at St. Mark's Church, the Rev. J. T. Starks, Pastor. A benefit baseball game is schedule for Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:P. M. at the Legion Field, The St. Regis Stars of Canton VS Pensacola Recreation Fliers. All proceeds will go to the Library Project- C. L. Taite" (Announcement)*

*The Pensacola African Americans Community working together for the betterment of a Library Project. The community saw that there was a great need to have a Library in the per-dominantly black community. So, the men in the community pooled their resources together to make it happen, it took about 5 years before they could get the Library to become a reality. On August 17, 1952, the Library was dedicated in the memorial of **Alice S. Williams***

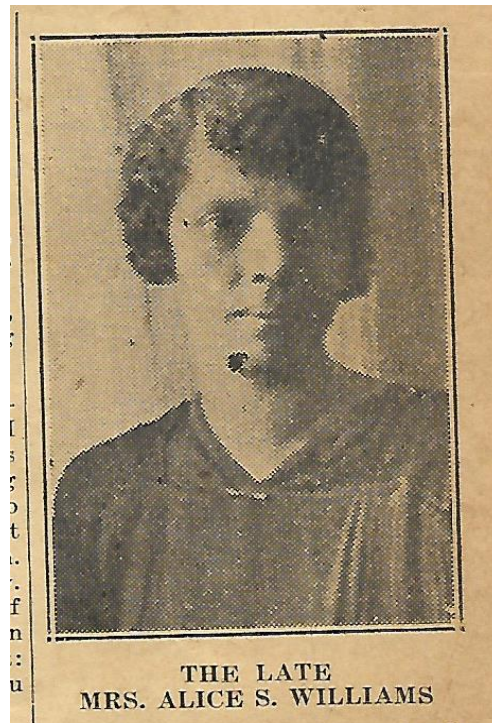
*The Building is located on E and Gonzales Street, Pensacola, Florida*



*The Interior of the building has an area space for two or three sets of table and chair and selves of books to begin its starting. Seated at the desk is Board member **Mr. Charles Taite**, and other members of the committee are **John Ross, Chairman, Rev C. Chavis, Secretary, Clarence Benboe, Martin Legnant. Mrs. Irma Richburgy** was the **Librarian**. The Library was open 1:00 to 7: 00 PM each day, Closed all day on Wednesday. “The Public was urge to use the Library. There were books of Fiction, Non-fiction, Reference, Magazine, and a reading club, etc*

***It is “One of the Greatest Opportunities” you can have, is to reach-out and make connections with your citizens, and learning what is needed, challenging those needs and implementing those changes, which can make a difference in helping you to make your community a better place to live in.***

## *The Alice S. Williams Library Dedication, August 17, 1952*

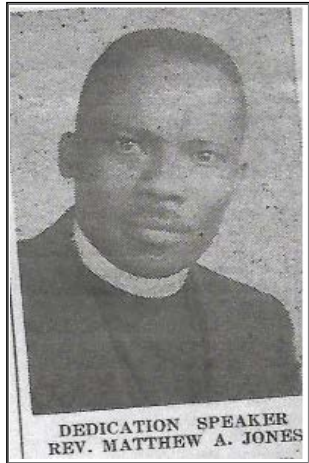


*In 1952, the late **Alice S. Williams Library** was opened to the Public. The Library was being named in memorial of the late **Mrs. Alice S. Williams**, who spend her untiring life to teaching and educating children of the community. She taught for many years at a numerous of Schools here in Pensacola. One of **Mrs. Williams**, homeroom student at Washington High School “said that, Mrs Williams was a very strict teacher, and they had a “nick-name” for her, and it was “Two-Gun Shooter” it meant get your lesson, or you would have to deal with her. She taught School until her death in 1941.*

*The **Alice S. Williams Branch Library** was held August 17,1952. A dedication of the program was held on the lawn of the Library at E and Gonzalez Street, on August 17,1952 at 4:00 P. M.,with Mr. C. J. DaValt was Master of Ceremonies. The speaker was Rev. Matthew A. Jones, Minister of the St. Cyrians Episcopal Church. Here a copy of the Program.*



*Dedicatory Address – Rev. Matthew Jones*



DEDICATORY PROGRAMME	
Alice S. Williams Public Library	
Gonzalez at E Streets — August 17, 1952 — 4:00 P.M.	
C. J. DaValt — Master of Ceremonies	
Song	Audience
Scripture	Rev. T. J. Davis
Invocation	Rev. V. R. Hill
Selection	Bethel, A.M.E. Chorus
The Occasion	Miss Lucia M. Tryon, Librarian, Public Library, City of Pensacola
Greetings	City Council
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Rev. I. S. Powell, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church Ministerial Alliance
Selection	Bethel A.M.E. Chorus
Greetings	Library Board, City of Pensacola Escambia County Teachers Association
Solo	Mrs. Rheutelia Johnson
Dedicatorial Address	Matthew A. Jones, Minister, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
Presentation — Recognition of Committee	
Introduction of Librarian — Benediction	
Pre-Program Concert	Washington High School Band

*This is a brief history of the beginning of the Alice S. Williams Library in 1952. In 1976, the Alice S. Williams Library closed, and merged with the Pensacola Public Library*

*Dianne P. Robinson-2019*

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## FLORIDA STATE CONV. HERE OCTOBER 20-23

The Secretary and Educational State Baptist Convention of Florida will hold its 45th annual session at Emmanuel Baptist church, cor. A and LaRosa streets, October 20-23. Together will be the Senior and Junior Women's societies, the auxiliaries.

Arrangements are being put in readiness for a great session. W. J. Johnson of Panama City is president of the convention. Mrs. Annie Bethna of the Senior women's society of Dunbar and Mrs. Walker of St. Andrews Baptist church, a moderator of the Equal Right Pro-African Association, is acting as host of the M and E.

## WOMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING

The executive board meeting and the quarterly meeting of the First Florida District Women's Convention will convene at Trinity church, Rev. W. H. Calhoun, pastor Friday, Oct. 7. The executive board will begin at 9 a. m. and the quarterly meeting at 10:15. Representation fee \$1.00. Enrollment in the executive meeting \$2.00. All officers and president of mission circles. Mrs. J. W. West, Pres., Mrs. G. L. McCall, Cor. Sec.

## CELEBRATING 62ND ANNIVERSARY



STURDY OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
(The Church With A Welcome)  
OCTOBER 24, 26, 28, 30, 1949

Monday Night, Oct. 24—A Night of Music. The choir of Sturdy Olive will be sponsored by M. Olive and Sunday School, and other visiting choirs. Arranged by Mrs. Ruth Claussell Larry, Minister of Music of St. Olive church and her special committee. **Prayer**—This great inspirational treat that is in store by you. Come early to get a seat. Admission free.

Wednesday Night—Oct. 26—Consecration Night. The program will be sponsored by the Mission Department of the church headed by Mrs. K. R. Jackson, General President. It will constitute an old-fashioned prayer, communion, fasting, handshaking, praise and songs and general fellowship of the saints.

Let the conscience of the Lord say so. Ps. 107:2. This program is especially for SAVED people. Let the Christian who knows you are saved remain home this night. Your absence will mean you do not belong to this church.

Friday Night, October 28—Evangelical Night

A 100 Night Revival Meeting. The Deacons and Deaconess Boards will conduct an old-fashioned prayer meeting. A sermon delivered by an outstanding minister. Invitation extended to the unsaved.

Every one who knows you are saved, you are urged to let the Lord use you in saving some one else this night. Come to the unsaved, the backslider and bring them to heaven with you. "Go into the highway and the hedge and compel men to come."—The words of our Savior.

REGULAR DIVINE WORSHIP, Anniversary Service of the Church delivered by Pastor Rev. J. A. Claussell, Sr.  
Sunday Night 7:30—Divine Worship  
Services by the Assistant Pastor, Rev. J. A. Claussell, Jr. through the Junior Choir.

Report of the Committee of 62.  
Rev. James Aaron Claussell, Pastor

Heavenly Gates Female Singers—

The Heavenly Gates gospel singers, (Females) Robert White, members will appear in song recital Sunday P. M. at Emmanuel of Spring Hill Baptist church, Rev. R. E. Cotton, pastor. The public is invited to this open door program. Mrs. Mary Tippens, Sponsor

Teaching to Sake Charles, La.—

Miss Annie B. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Smith, 1007 S. Third street is teaching O. W. Easton high school in Sike Charles, La. She has added duties as basketball coach. Miss Smith received her B. S. degree in vocal music from Louisiana State University last June. She writes homefolks she is quite pleasantly situated in La.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY DRIVE SPEEDED UP

Special Benefit Affairs Planned. The building committee and the finance committee met completed plans for pouring the foundation for library building to be constructed at E and Gonzalez streets. C. Wynn, chairman building committee is asking all men who will to meet him Saturday morning at the site—rain week-end prevented pouring of the cement foundation. Finance committee's latest report is: Cash \$7,600; Mrs. Louise Killee \$400; Security sewing club \$300; C. I. Lambert \$300—total \$22,600.

The finance committee will be at the carnival at 8th ave. and Brainerd street Wednesday thru Sat. night. Also Saturday night at St. Marks church. Rev. J. T. Starks, pastor.

A benefit baseball game is coming on Sunday, 16th at Legion field—3:00 P. M. The St. Regis Stars of Canton vs. the Pensacola Recreation Flyers. Entire proceeds for library. BUY A TICKET.

C. I. Late, Reporter

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FAMC ALUMNI

The Pensacola Alumni chapter of Florida A and M college is called to meet Tuesday night 7:30 on important business, at Booker T. Washington high school. Members asked to come prepared to pay their dues. D. A. Cady

## DAD GETS ENJOYABLE SURPRISE

Last Tuesday while Dr. Jas. R. Polkinghorne was visiting on east hill on a business occasion it was late when returned home, but he was exceedingly surprised at the occasion which met his gaze for he was reminded that he and Mrs. Maggie Polkinghorne were married 35 years ago and this anniversary of the occasion was arranged by their eldest daughter, Mrs. Miriam C. Ford.

Only a few intimate friends were present and the only children present, were Miriam and Maopie, the first and the last.

## Delegates to Zion Conf. Send in Names

Notice is given AME Zion pastors and delegates to the Annual Conference that will be held at 242nd N. W. 20th in Dec. 1, to please send in names to Miss Vera Howard, 2000 Iowa street, Milton, Fla. Information necessary for providing homes.

ASBURY SCHOOL, P. T. A. will meet at the school Friday Oct. 14, 7:30 P. M.

## SUNDAY P. M. PROGRAM AT ALLEN CHAPEL

Heard an interesting program at Allen Chapel, Cor. Madison and Washington streets, Sunday, October 16, 3:00 P. M. Don't miss being present. See Sunday afternoon.

## ROYAL 16 SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

On the Royal 16 Club roll "B" is for Harold and Willie. Mabel was indeed a charming hostess entertaining club members Tuesday night. The rich chat and other active was were at 411 North A street where a note of welcome awaits us. To make the evening one of sweet memories was the presence of two visitors from Chicago—our own Matilda Taylor and Mrs. Levard Colburn. We only wish the trip was for always. Before departure, we enjoyed a choice and select menu.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr and Mrs. L. S. Wilson of Birmingham, Ala. announce the marriage of their daughter Iola Mae Riles Wilson to Mr. John George Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pate of Ferry Pass, Fla. on Friday, Sept. 23. The happy couple are at home at Ferry Pass.

## National District Deputy To Make Visit

Hon. R. W. Woods, National Masonic District deputy will visit Pensacola Oct. 16 and address an audience at St. John the Baptist church, C and Cervantes streets at 3:00 P. M. Rev. R. A. Anderson is church pastor and H. A. Johnson is the Masonic official announcing. Masons and the public are invited.

## Play Wedding On At Big Zion Church

A womanish wedding will furnish lots of entertainment at Big Zion AME Zion church, Friday night, Oct. 14—Begins at 8:00. Ticket 25c

## WOODMEN CAMP NO. 4 MEETS IN NEW HALL

The first meeting held in the new meeting place of Warrington camp No. 4, American Woodmen was largely attended. The members unaware of the change were notified by the clerk through the Colored Citizen, which is widely circulated, and also some by post card. The seating capacity of the hall was filled and a large number of new members were initiated.

Next regular meeting will be held Monday night, Oct. 17, 7:30 at Masonic hall, 704 North "A" street.  
Rev. S. L. Jones, Comm. Mrs. G. M. Robinson, Clk.

THE ESCAMBA CO FALL FAIR opens Monday, Oct. 17. Runs one week closing Saturday night, 22nd; clubs, schools, individuals and organizations get get your exhibits ready.

## "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" PLAY MONDAY NIGHT

The play, "Food for Thought" produced by A. E. Leonard will be presented Monday night, Oct. 10 at 15th Ave. Baptist church, Rev. J. C. Collier, pastor. The cast of the play is the Young Women's glee club, Mrs. L. J. Odom, director, Mrs. Marietta Call Henderson will fill the position of narrator. Mr. Leonard has heretofore shown unusual ability in drama production, and we feel sure that there will be no disappointment in seeing "Food for Thought" Monday night.

## LATE EDWARD W. ROBINSON



Commemorating the departure of our beloved comrade and friend, who in request of the Almighty, passed to the Great Beyond, October 14, 1945, we the Pensacola strong personnel of the Central Life Insurance Co. do hereby publicly proclaim the week of October 10th thru October 16th as "Robinson Collection Week." Being ever mindful of our heritage as proteges of one whose very presence demanded attention and whose heart and soul thrived on these words, "I am my Brother's Keeper." We will humbly in his footsteps, wish that this one that is dead, that the Negro shall find freedom only through economic security.

No other method being more potent than systematic saving by regularly in these institutions. It was he who

M. M. DETHLEFSEN Federated club will meet at the recreation center, E and DeSoto streets Wednesday at 5:00 P. M.—Mrs. Ruth McCoy, hostess.

## On Trip To Cleveland

Miss Mary Doss of Warrington is off to Cleveland, O. on a three weeks vacation trip.

THE WOODMEN Jewelers will meet at Bethel church Saturday at 5:00 P. M.

TUNE IN over WEAR Sunday, 7:30 A. M. to hear gospel singing by the Gospel Pearls.

## MASSONS TO CELEBRATE ZERUBABEL DAY

All Chapters of Royal Arch belonging to the Jurisdiction of the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter of Florida J. G. Riley, 1, 602, G. B. P. working under the protection M. W. T. Grand Lodge, Inc. III. C. H. Henry, 33 deg. Grand Master will celebrate Zerubabel Day in full dress regalia on the Second Sunday in October, 1949. It being the 9th day thereof at St. John Divine Baptist Church Young street between Hayne and Atlantic streets.

Ladies of the Herons of Jewels and Easter Star are especially invited. All Brother Masons and the public are cordially invited.

EZEKIEL CHAPTER NO. 44,  
Ulysses Williams, H. P.; Herman Trawick, Sec.

*Gorgeous Loretta*

Manufacturing Academy Award winner Loretta Young is one of the feature attractions of this year's "Presidential Family Hour at Stars" heard over the CBS network every Sunday evening. Save Hildie Greenman, Another "Diana" winner, will also be in the regular roster along with Irene Dunne and Dana Andrews. Other famous Hollywood stars will appear on the program from time to time as guest artists.

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## Gospel Groups Embark on Tour

HOLLYWOOD — The country's foremost Gospel singing group, the Pilgrim Travelers, from Holly and Wood Boro of Mississippi, embarked on a national tour here August 27, which will embrace 100 cities through out the country.

## Alkin Hepburn Hailed As Promising Quarterback

By CHARLES J. SMITH, III  
TALLAHASSEE — Alkin Hepburn, the "The Lord" of Tallahassee, is hailed as a promising quarterback.

Robert T. Johnson

