

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

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****We are in the process of updating our Lifetime Members, and if by chance your name was left off this list, please accept our apology and see one of the following:**

Emanuel Sullivan, Ernest Hamilton.

*****Our Deceased Members**

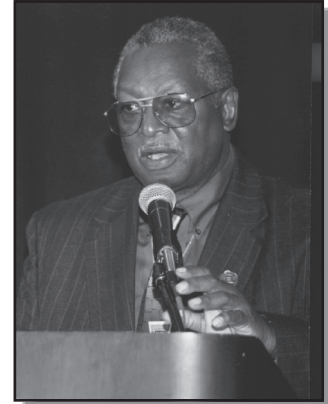
➤ GREETINGS ➤

From the **Executive Director of the Association**

March 2013

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Piedmont Athletic Association's Twenty Second Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies.



The expressed purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor those males and females who, by their accomplishments in and service to high school sports, bring honor to Greenville County, to South Carolina, and to the nation. I am sure you will agree that we fulfilled our purpose with this evening's group of 15 inductees from the former Beck, Bryson, Lincoln, Sterling, and Washington High Schools of Greenville County. Also a special recognition presentation.

We ask you to join us in congratulating this outstanding group of athletes and sports administrators who have played major roles in developing positive images for today's students. Our inductees have brought fame and honor to themselves, their families, and their high schools.

The Board of Director thanks you for joining us for this induction ceremony, and we hope your evening with us will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emanuel Sullivan".

Emanuel Sullivan
Executive Director

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PROGRAMME

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY *Saturday, March 23, 2013*

Introduction of MC

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Richard Dawkins
Lincoln High

PARADE OF PAST INDUCTEES

The Occasion

Mr. Ernest Hamilton

Memorial Tribute

Bessie Young

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: NATHANIEL HARTMAN

LIFETIME

Grace

DINNER

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers

Charles P. Austin
Ellie Johnson
Doris Herbert
Frederick Mitchell

The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes

William D. Dial
Bobbie Jean Goldsmith
Wilkerson D. Sullivan

The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers

Richard Carson
Reginald Pearson
Harry Anderson

The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons

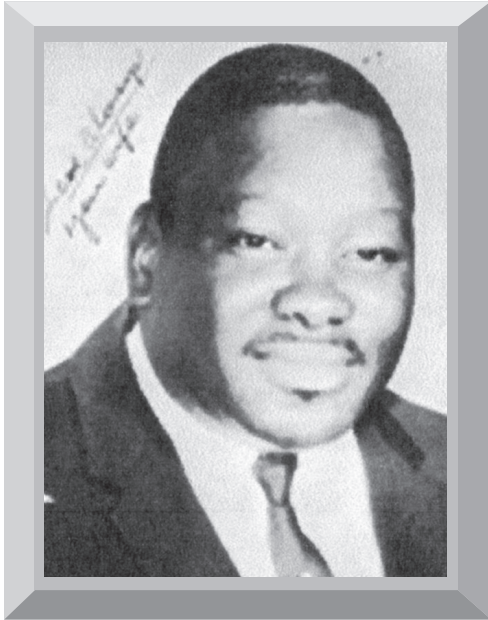
Horace Anderson
George Davis
Birdie L. Beaty

The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers

Deborah Ellison Frasier
Ted Wright

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Nathaniel Hartman

“Slick”

Nathaniel Hartman was born and raised in Columbus, GA in 1930, he graduated from Radcliff High School in 1948. While in school he played Football, ran Track, sang in the Mixed Chorus and was on the Annual Staff. The Radcliff Tigers claimed the Georgia State Championship and went on to the COLA Bowl to beat Rosenwald High of Panama City, the Florida State Champions 39-9.

He entered Benedict College in Columbia, SC in 1948, where he played Football, Baseball, was Junior Class President and Vice President of the Benedict Block B Club. Nathaniel graduated from Benedict in 1952 with a Bachelors of Arts.

Mr. Hartman began his teaching career at Dunbar High School in Greer South Carolina in 1952, he taught Chemistry and Mathematics. While at Dunbar he established Basketball and Football programs.

Nathaniel went to Lincoln High School in Taylors, SC in 1956 as Head Football Coach, Basketball Coach and Manager of the Baseball Team. At Lincoln he taught Chemistry and Mathematics. Several highlights of his coaching career at Lincoln were: Baseball and Basketball Tri-City Championship, District 3 Baseball Champion 1957, Upper State Football Championship 1961, in 1962 Lincoln defeated Lake View 7 to 6 to win the State Championship. While at Lincoln he was scouted by the Baltimore Orioles as a pitcher in 1957, but knee injuries from football prevented him from pursuing a baseball career.

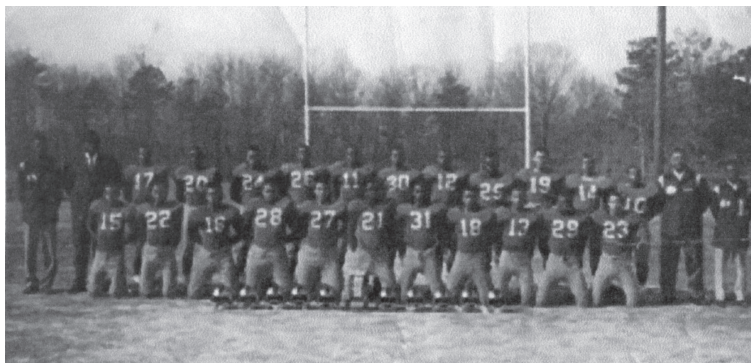


Nathaniel married Magdalene Norris in 1953, Magdalene still resides in Greer, SC, to this union was born five children: Michael Hartman, deceased; Madra Gladney; Roger Hartman; Myra Floyd; Ethelia Hartman and one child from a previous marriage Jackie Jennings. He has been blessed with seven grandchildren

and four great grandchildren.

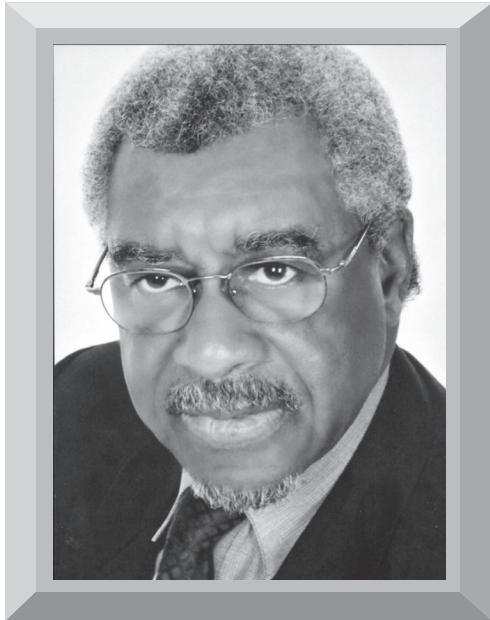
Nathaniel Hartman passed from this life on June 17th 1964.

We thank the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame for Honoring Our Father.



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INDUCTEES



M. FREDERICK MITCHELL "Mitch"

Born in 1942 as the first of four (4) children to the late Caleb and Laura Mitchell in Johnston, South Carolina. The family relocated to Greenville and I attended Nicholtown Elementary School. Fredericks siblings Rose Anna, Margaret, and Alan also attended Sterling High School.

Frederick played basketball and was a member of the track team at Sterling. During high school he also became a caddie at Greenville Country Club and learned the game of golf. Golf has become the sport that he has played for a lifetime. Frederick has participated in and won a number of golf tournaments in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Arizona over the years. Participation in sports at Sterling fueled his competitive fire.



After graduating from Sterling Frederick attended Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee and earned a BS Degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. During his studies at Knoxville Frederick was selected as an Exchange Student and spent a semester at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

Following completion of his undergraduate studies he was awarded a federal grant to attend the School of Public Health Master Degree Program, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Frederick married Paula Thomason from St. Paul, MN. After being drafted into the U.S. Army he served a tour of duty in the Vietnam War as a Military Police noncommissioned officer. However, prior to the tour of duty in Vietnam he was fortunate enough to play golf on the Army post and was selected to represent Ft. Ritchie, Maryland in the East Regional Army Golf Championship at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

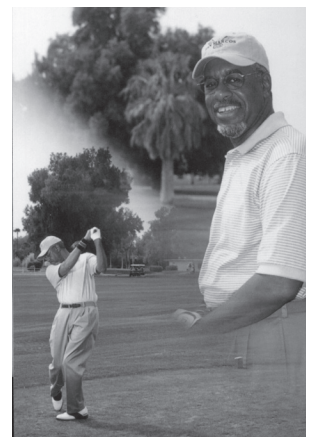


Frederick and his wife have two children and three grandchildren. All currently reside in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area and are able to spend quality time together. Paula is a retired educator from the St. Paul Public School system. They have been married for 46 wonderful years.

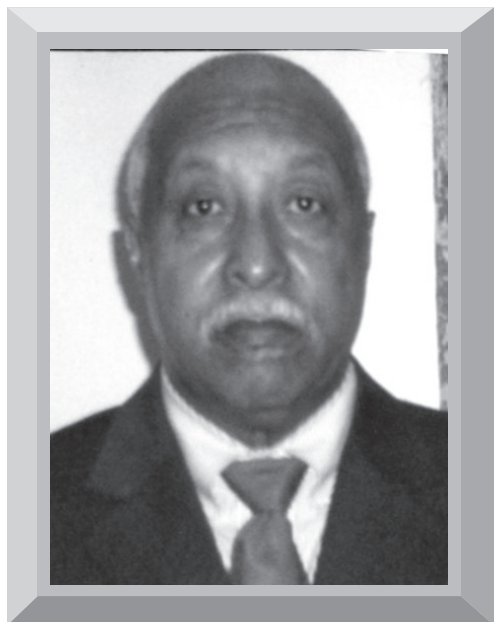
Frederick retired following a 33 year career in public health and then worked part time for another 10 years at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Professional affiliation: Past President-Minnesota Environmental Health Association, member-National Environmental Health Association, and AFDO.

Community Services: Community Action Council for Flint Hills Resources-Pine Bend Refinery, Rosemount, MN; Episcopal Church Organizations; past member- MORE Board (a Minneapolis Civil Rights Community Action Council) and member of local social clubs.



INDUCTEES



WILLIAM DAVIS DIAL “Shotgun”

William Davis Dial is the oldest son of the late Algie Davis Dial Sr. and the late Hannah Berry Dial. He is one of seven children.



William was born and raised in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where he attended Fountain Inn Elementary and Bryson Elementary and then Bryson High School. During his years at Bryson he joined the FFA (Future Farms of America), drove a school bus for two years, and joined the Track Team and the Football Team, where he excelled in both. In 1968, William set a new upstate record in the 100 yard dash (9.9 seconds).

After graduating High School William attended Greenville Tec, where he received a certificate in Drafting and Blue Printing. Knowing he wanted to improve the quality of life for his family and himself he needed to further his education. William attended Limestone University where he received a BS Degree in Business Administration and Management Science.

He worked for Cryovac / Sealedair for 38 years.

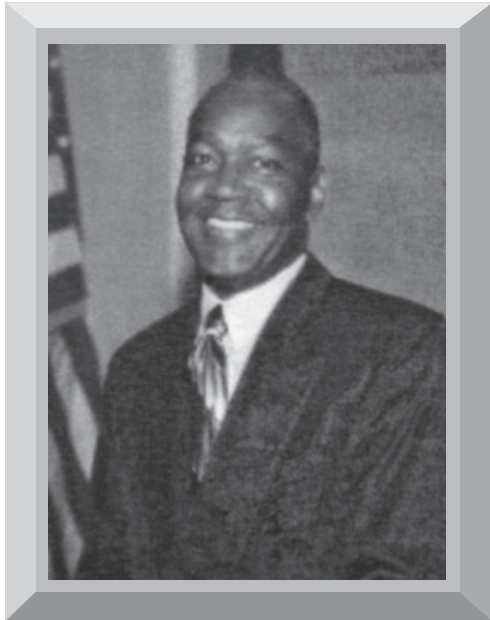
William has been married to Linda Boyd Dial for 44 years and they have two sons, Darrell and Anthony, nine grandchildren and one great grand. Linda and he are the owners of Sam's Restaurant and Catering Company. They are members of Mt Zion Baptist Church where William serves in the Trustee and Paster Aid Ministries.

William would like to thank the Piedmont Athletic Association for inducting him into The Hall of Fame.



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CHARLES P. AUSTIN, SR.

Charles Perry Austin, Sr. was born in Greenville, South Carolina and educated in the public schools there. He began his athletic career at an early age with the Sertoma Braves Baseball Team, Gower Purple Raiders Basketball Team, and the Sterling High School Football and Baseball teams, respectively.

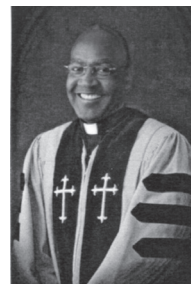


With the encouragement of fellow teammates, Austin coached the Sertoma Braves Baseball team to victory with teammates who were a few years younger. Through perseverance and tenacity, Austin and his team creativity repurposed uniforms and equipment to win the championship.

Learning the valuable life skills of discipline, respect for ones opponents, and teamwork through athletics, Austin served as Student Body President of Sterling High School in 1967-1968. He was actively involved in civil and human rights and marched against the School Board in 1968. While at Sterling, Austin played both football and baseball. Torn between both sports until one sweeping play made baseball the sport of choice, Austin continued to serve as student-athlete and coach. After graduation from Sterling High School, Austin received a scholarship to attend SC State College to play on the baseball team.

Though he was passionate about baseball, Austin found a new passion when he met the love his life, Ava, who inducted him into Love's Hall of Fame and became focused on God, family, then other things. A graduate of South Carolina State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Dr. Austin received a Master of Criminal Justice degree from the University of South Carolina and the Master of Divinity degree from Erskine Theological Seminary. He also received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in African-American Ministry from Newburg Theological Seminary.

A lifelong educator and coach, Charles P. Austin, Sr. has taught all levels of students from public school to higher education. He continues to coach teams to victory including the 2007 Christian Basketball League Championship with the Village of Hope Saints. As the under shepherd for the past 15 years as pastor of the Village of Hope Fellowship Church, Austin believes that a commitment to service for Christ's people is of supreme importance.



Charles P. Austin, Sr. has been a trailblazer for his community because his passion for justice for all people. He has been a business and political activist and encourages others to get involved. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule'), Commissioner-Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation, life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and holds Distinguished Credentialed Manager certification through the International Association of City and County Managers. Austin has served on numerous boards and commissions including Chair for Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation and Palmetto Project of South Carolina. Presently, he is a member of the American Council of Academic Deans.

Though his accolades and achievements are numerous in the areas of law enforcement and criminal justice, Austin counts his current position as Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences as one of his greatest joys.

Dr. Austin and his wife of 37 years, the late Dr. Ava Frederick Austin are the proud parents of three adult children, Charles Jr., Chamequa Austin Kennedy and Dr. Chandra Yvette Austin, and one grandson, Caden Armond.

Rev. Dr. Charles P. Austin, Sr. embodies the mission of the Piedmont Athletic Association by using his talents to serve others and inspire all to aspire to Christ's Hall of Fame.



Austin pitches last game at SHS



Charles Austin
Robert Harris

Thomas Canada
Robert Nease

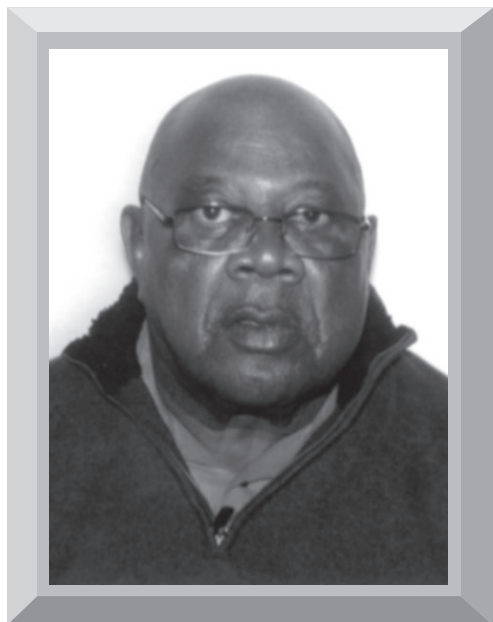


Pitcher Charles Austin receives advice from James Kowen, former Sterling baseballer and now workout coach, as Senior Jerry Johnson looks on, winning 11-2.

Coach Joe Perkins discusses techniques used by opposing pitcher, while six members of the team listen and observe.



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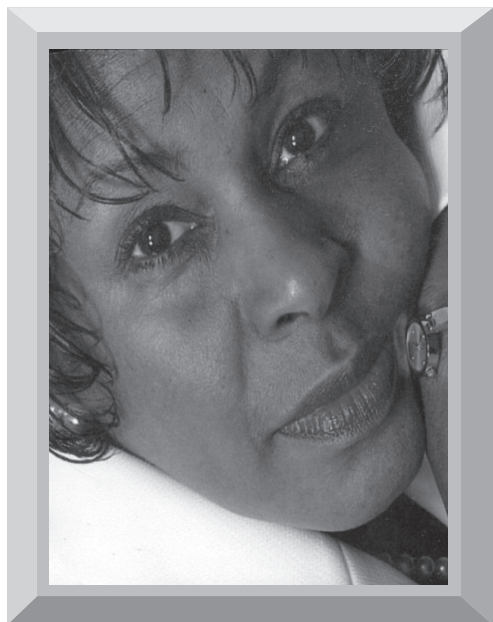


GEORGE DAVIS, JR.

George Davis, Jr. was born to Mr. George Sr. and Ruth Davis. He grew up in Greenville County and attended Brutontown Elementary.

George also attended Washington High. He is a member of the graduating class of 1964. As a Falcon, George Jr. played football and was on the track team.

George Jr. is married to Magalean Fowler, and is a proud father of Pondexter, James and Ruth. He has four grandchildren, Jasmin, Najia, Kelande and Zhion. He is an active member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.



DORIS BAILEY HERBERT “Speedy”

Doris Linda Bailey is the daughter of Walter and Eliza Bailey. She attended Nickle Town and Bakers Chapel Elementary Schools before entering Washington and Sterling High. While at Sterling she ran track and received a trophy and medal for the 100 and 440 relay. She also enjoyed playing basketball and softball. After high school Doris attended Greenville Tec for two years.

Doris is the oldest of twelve siblings and family is very important to her. She has five children, nine grands and three great grands.

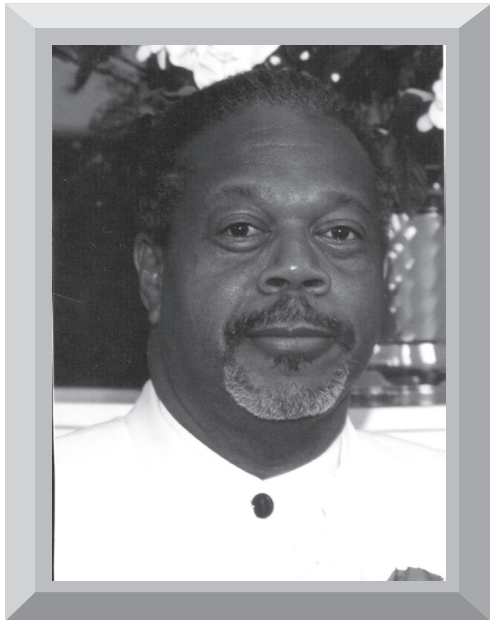
“My calling in life is that of a caregiver. I started when I was in the 10th grade when I cared for a girlfriend’s mother. It was natural to me. I enjoy the company of the elderly. The wisdom and knowledge they share. They keep me grounded in knowing who I am and the real purpose of living and giving of ones self.”

Widowed once, Doris is blessed again to have had the chance to marry to a wonderful man in April of 2012.

Doris enjoys fashions, creative dancing and helping young ladies who are participating in pageants and girls who just want to be lady like.

“God is the head of my life, to Him be the Glory.”

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WILKERSON D. SULLIVAN “Wig”

Wilkerson David “WIG” Sullivan was the fourth child of nine children born to the late Alexander and Ella Mae Sullivan.

David “Wig” is a 1964 graduate of Joseph R. Bryson High School. He played football (quarterback), basketball and baseball for several years. After graduating from high school, David was drafted into the U.S. Army and served most of his time in Nuremberg, Germany.



After his military duties were over. He married Aileen Humbert and they have one son (Kelvin).

David decided to use one of his military benefits, and he enrolled at Greenville Technical College. He majored in Industrial Engineering Technology and earned an Associate Degree in

Engineering Technology.

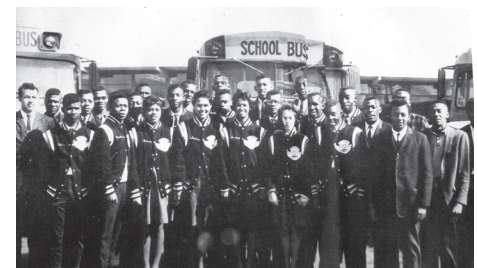
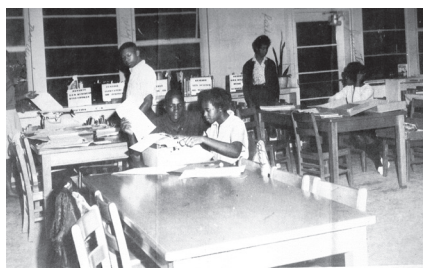
After graduation from Greenville Technical College, David was employed by Michelin America Research Company. He worked for this company for thirty- three years. In 2000, he was part of the Michelin Racing Group with responsibilities as the technical support Engineer for Offroad Racing that covered parts of California, Nevada, Arizona and Baja Mexico.



One, of his hobbies, is bowling. He bowled a perfect game of 300. Because of his love for bowling, he enters many bowling tournaments which allow him to travel to many different places throughout the county.

Another one, of his hobbies, is travelling. Being retired makes it a little more difficult, but when the opportunity presents itself, he travels especially on cruises.

He is a member of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. He is the Chairman of the Trustee Broad.



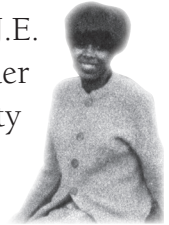
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DEBORAH ELLISON FRASIER

Deborah Ellison Frasier is a 1969 graduate of J.E. Beck High School, where she was a Cheerleader for several years under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Washington Golden.



While attending Beck High, Deborah was voted Best Dress, Miss Congeniality, Miss Homecoming Queen also Easy On The Eye.

Deborah has work at Nutra Mfg. for 30 years in Product Development where she completed her Certificate from DI PHARMA TECH in Solid Dosage MFG. 101 Professionals and Technical Training From Colorcon Training Facility.

In 1998 God gave Deborah a vision to start her own business formally known as Deborah's Photography, She is still in business today and is a very well known and respected Photographer. Her business is a blessing to many people in town and out with Just A "SMILE For ME".



Deborah is married to Joe Frasier to this union they have four children, one son in-law and three grandchildren.

Deborah is a member of The Rock Of Ages Baptist Church under leadership of Pastor T.A. King where she is forever grateful for the transforming Love Of God in her life.



For the past 20 years God has allowed Deborah to teach Sunday School & Wednesday Night Bible Study at Rock Of Ages Baptist Church. Where she is teaching children about the Kingdom of God and His great Love for us.



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THEODORE R. WRIGHT “Shy”

Theodore R. Wright Jr. was born to Theodore R. Wright Sr. and Mable S. Simpson Wright on April 4th 1949. His sisters are Sharon, Francine, Theresa, Cynthia and Valerie Wright. Theodore attended Sullivan Elementary School. He attended J.E. Beck high school and he excelled in high school football playing tight end, safety and wide receiver. He went into the U.S. Navy in 1968. Where he also played Intermediate Football and he also excelled in that endeavor for the U.S. Navy. He was given an honorable discharge in 1972.

Theodore married Kay F. Collins Wright on July 26th 1985.

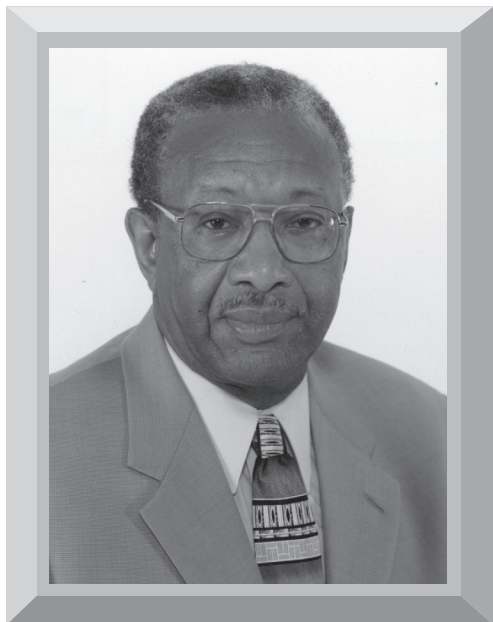
Theodore has five children. He received the award the Kentucky Colonel for his outstanding work while employed at Fort Knox Military Housing Division. His title was Warehouse Man/Inspector from 1993 to 1997. He retired from G.N.C. in 2010.

Currently he attends New Jerusalem Seventh Day Adventist Church in Radcliff Kentucky where he serves as an Elder and a Deacon in his service for the Lord. God has truly blessed Theodore throughout his life and he truly loves Jesus who is the light of his life!

“I love the Lord and I wish mankind well. Especially those of the household of faith and all men are my brothers. My God has truly blessed me throughout all of my 63 years on this earth!”

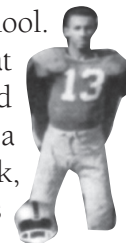


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RICHARD B. CARSON

Richard Carson was a 1962 graduate of Lincoln High School. He played on the Lincoln High School football team that won the Upper State Championship in 1962. They had a record of 10-1, but lost the State Championship by a score of 7-6. Richard lettered as Halfback, Quarterback, Wide Receiver, Defensive Back, and Punter for 4 years and a Forward in basketball for 3 years. He also ran the 400 yard dash, 800 yard dash, 1 mile; High Jump and Broad Jump for 3 years while at Lincoln.



During Richards senior year at Lincoln High School, he was honored to make the High School All-State Band, playing the Bass Tuba. He was the first male student to make the All State Band representing Lincoln High School. Also during his four years of high school, Richard sang on the high school choir, drove the school bus and was a class officer.

After graduating, he attended Alien University in Columbia, South Carolina for two years. There he played football (halfback) and ran track (800 yard dash, 1 mile run and the 2 mile run).

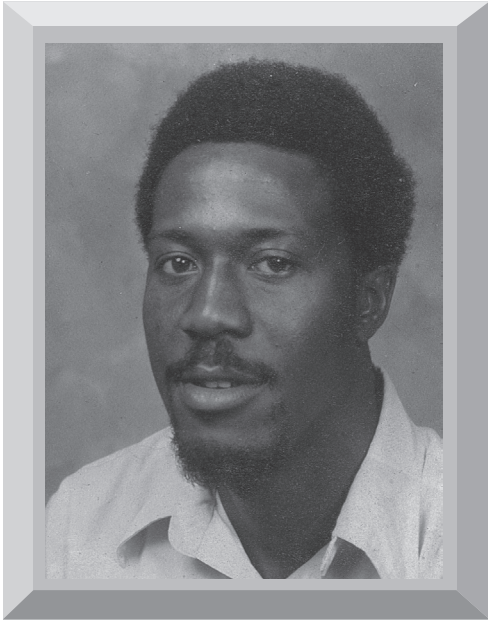
After attending Alien University, Richard was drafted into the United States Army from 1965 - 1967. He served in a tour of duty in Germany.

Richard am a member of the New Salem Baptist Church in Tigerville, South Carolina were he currently serves as the Chairman of the Deacons Ministry. He has worked in the church as Superintendent of the Sunday School, sang on the All-Male Choir and taught the Adult Sunday School Class.

From 2000-2005, Richard was elected by the South Carolina Baptist Brotherhood Convention to serve as President. As President, he led the Men's Laymen Division of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina and also spoke on men's issues all across the state and at many of our Baptist National Conventions.



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HORACE R. ANDERSON

Horace was born in Spartanburg Memorial Hospital and lived in Greer, SC. He is the son of the late Frank and Lula Anderson and the father of five children and four grandchildren. He attended Washington High School from 1969-1970 until integration halfway through his senior year. He graduated from Wade Hampton High School.

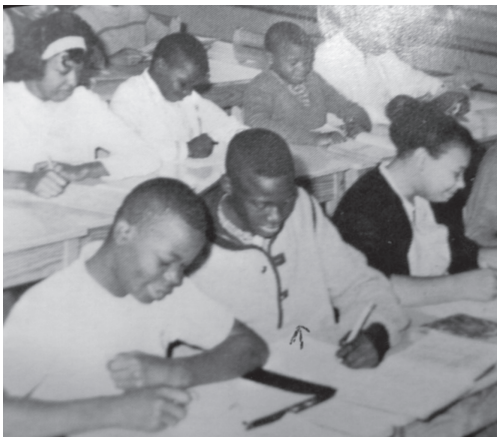


Horace was considered as one of the best centers to have played the game. He also played forward and ran track. He had a number of offers but he chose Plamer Junior College of Charleston, SC. He was also captain and co-captain in high school. He was a member of six championships, MVP

five times. They won the Little College Association representing SC in 1972 in Albany, NY.

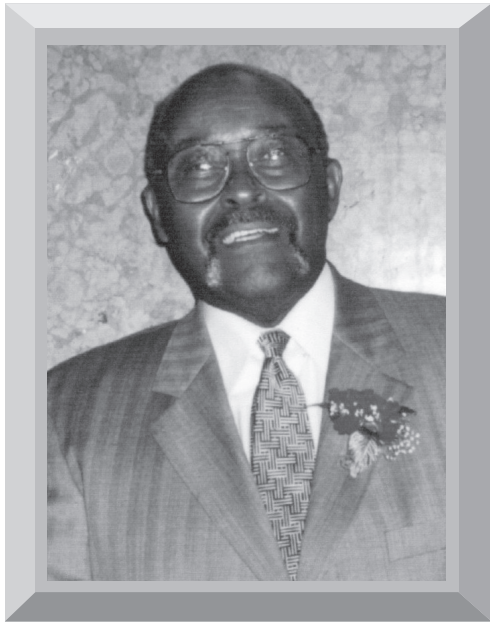
Horace is a member of Mt. View Church. In his spare time he likes to go bike trail riding.

“I am so proud and honored to be inducted this year as one of Washington High Schools 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees. To anyone who wins a scholarship reach down deep when you want to quit, keep trucking.”



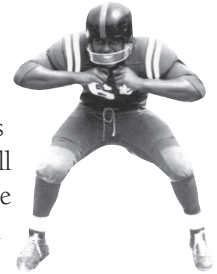
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ELLIE O. JOHNSON, JR. “Moonglow”

Ellie was born in Greenville, S. C. on August 19, 1939 to Ellie O. Johnson, Sr. and Margaret C. Johnson. He attended Sterling High School from 1952 thru 1957. His athletic journey began in 1953, as a member of the football program. He was a member of the 1956-57, football state championship team. Following High School he enrolled at South Carolina State University: He participated in football and track, and was Co. Captain/ Captain of the 1960-61 football team. He graduated in 1961.



After graduation in 1961, he returned to Sterling as a teacher and coach. In 1968, he continued his career in education and coaching in the Cincinnati Public schools, Cincinnati, Oh. from 1968-2010. He coached from 1970 until 1990, nine years as a head football coach. In 1987 the “Ohio High School Football Coaches Association” recognized him as the winner of (50) victories. In 1991,

he served as the head coach (East) of the East/West ALLSTAR football game. Sterling High School, A Loving Family, South Carolina State and Athletics prepared him for the success that he experienced in life.

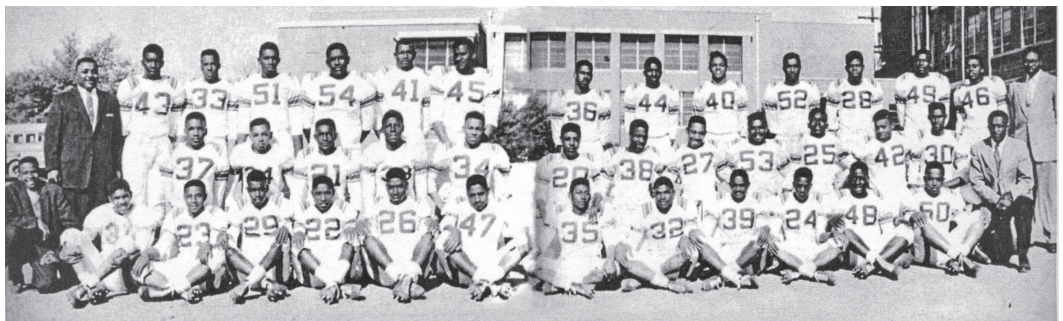
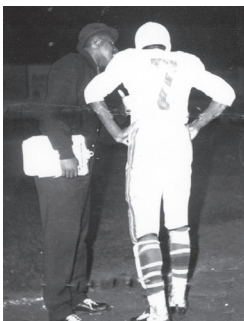
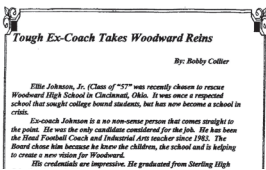
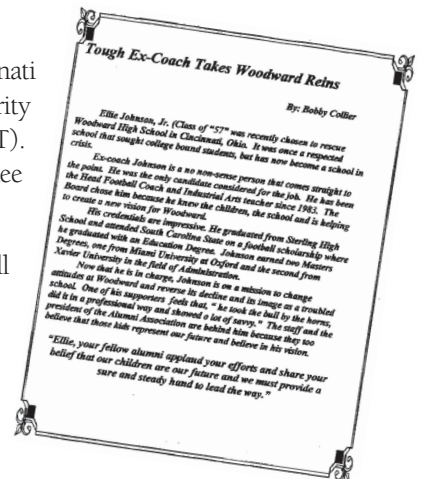
He completed his career in Education as an Assistant Principal and Principal (1990-2010). Prior to completing his career, he earned two master degrees: 1975, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio: Supervision & education. 1990, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio: Education Administration & Assistant Superintendent.



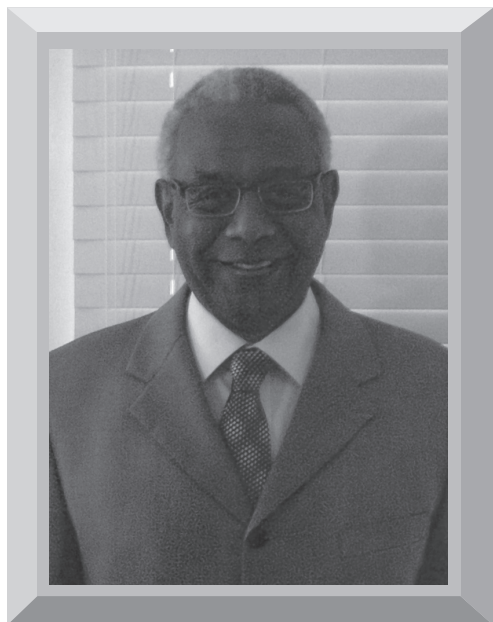
Community and Civic Service: Board member of the” Cincinnati Citizen Committee on Youth (CCY). President of the” Minority Empowerment Initiative Trust Scholarship Fund” (MEIT). ARGUS Club, Inc. Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Vestry.

He is married to Mary Jo. The father of two children: Ellie O. III & Andrea Lynn Johnson and three grand children.

“I personally want to thank each board member of the PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME Board for this Honor and the opportunity to become part of this Ceremony.”



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HARRY ANDERSON

Harry graduated from Lincoln High School in 1959. He lettered in baseball in 1958 and 1959. Because of his outstanding talent, he was chosen by his coach to captain the 1959 team. Following graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy and served four years.

After being discharged, he joined the Air Force and served his country an additional twenty-four years. During his Air Force career, he held a number of collateral responsibilities in addition to his primary job. These are: Casualty Services Officer, Air Force Aid Society Loan Officer, Recruiter and Personnel Manager, to name a few. While on active duty, he found time to further his education by completing Associate

Degree in Resource Management from the Community College of the Air Force and by attending various other colleges and universities.

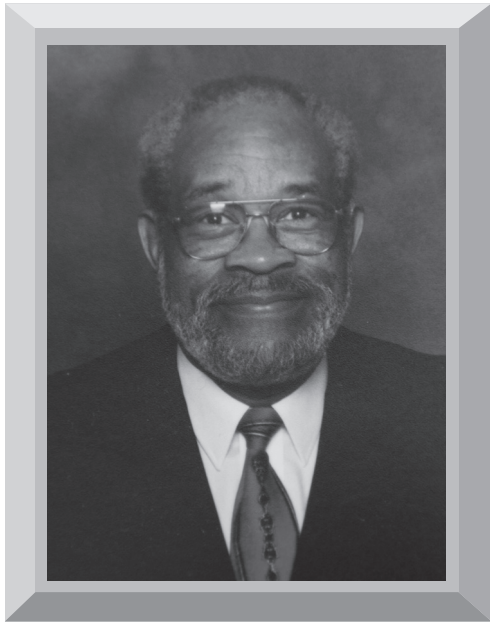
After retiring from the Air Force, he relocated to Central Florida and was employed by the City of Orlando for a period of ten years and took early retirement. He then moved to Greenville (temporarily). While there, he sought and found some acreage in the Fayetteville, North Carolina area and built his permanent home in order to be near his children and grandchildren. He and his wife, Ethelyn, have four sons and eight grandchildren. He enjoys their visits and cooking their favorite meals. He also enjoys gardening, landscaping his property, working on his tractor and patrolling his property on his John Deere All-terrain vehicle.

Harry is a committed Christian and is a faithful member of the Main Post Protestant Chapel on Fort Bragg Army Base where he serves as Lay Reader, Scripture Reader and Greeter.



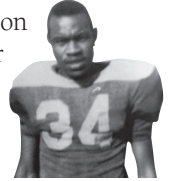
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INDUCTEES



REGINALD D. PEARSON

Reginald D. Pearson was born to Booker T. & Georgianna Pearson in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1946. The youngest of four children, Reginald grew up in the Greer, South Carolina area. He received his grade and high school education at Dunbar Elementary and Lincoln High School (LHS). While attending Lincoln High School, Reginald lettered in football and basketball. He played on the senior band for several years and served as both student body and senior class President. His classmates voted him "Best All Around".



After graduating from LHS in 1964 Reginald attended South Carolina State University (SCSU) in Orangeburg, SC., where he graduated in 1968 with the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Sciences. While at SCSU Reginald lettered in Tennis for two years and served as a class officer and student government representative.

Upon graduation from SCSU Reginald began his education career in the North Charleston School District of Charleston, South Carolina, but was soon drafted for military service. He spent two years in the US Army where he served in Infantry and Artillery. Reginald spent



one year in Vietnam before being honorably discharged in October of 1970.

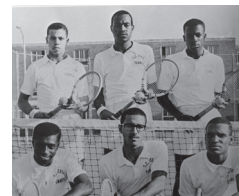
In an effort to restart his education career, Reginald applied to Greenville County Schools in 1970 and was hired in the Pupil Personnel Department as a School Social Worker. In August of 1975 he completed his Master's Degree of Education in Personnel Services from Clemson University. After further Graduate studies in Psychology at Converse College and the University of South Carolina Reginald joined the Psychological Services Group. In June of 1999, Reginald retired with 31 years of service.



Reginald is married to the former Miss Christine E. Goodlett of Greenville, South Carolina and is the proud parent of two sons and one daughter. He is grandfather to two darling granddaughters. Reginald has been a member of Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church for more than 30 years where Dr. S.C Cureton served for more than 30 years as Pastor. Currently Reverend Antwion M. Yowe is his Pastor. At Reedy River Reginald currently serves as Deacon and Christian Education Teacher. He has held many other positions and has been affiliated with many religious and secular organizations over the years. He has current membership in the NAACP.

Reginald currently spends most of his time enjoying family, friends and serving humankind. He strongly promotes Christian Education and tends to various business interests. He holds to the view that through a strong faith with commitment and dedication good things can and wilt result from any task undertaken.

Reginald will forever be thankful to all of his coaches and teachers who helped to mold and shape him into the person he is now. Reginald extends special thanks to the Piedmont Athletic Association for selecting him to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.



INDUCTEES



BIRDIE LEE BEATY



March 5, 1950 the birth of Birdie Lee Beaty was acclaimed in Greenville South Carolina. Birdie Lee Beaty, is the fifth child of the phenomenal Ms. Birdie Mae Beaty. The educational journey of Birdie Lee Beaty, began at Oscar Elementary School and Gower Elementary School. Birdie's education continued at Greenville South Carolina historical all African American Sterling High School and Washington High School. The academic institutions initiated her educational foundation, nurtured leadership, enhanced her cultural self worth and executed unforgettable memories, that will always be cherished stomping grounds. Birdie's success progressed upon her acceptance to Montreal Anderson College in South

Carolina. After college. Birdie Lee Beaty and Maxie Gamble (also an astonishing athletic and graduate of Greenville South Carolina historical African American Beek High School), were married and parented two children. Their children are Shunnika C. Gamble and Maxie K. Gamble. They are the admired, lovable and proud grandparents of eight grandchildren (Amira T. Gamble, Tarique Gamble, K'Yir G. Gamble, Shekinah C. Gamble, Hezakiah Gamble, Kwuan Gamble, Miles Gamble, and Janaekia Gamble). Birdie's success continued upon acceptance at Coastal Community College in Jacksonville North Carolina. God is the source to Bird's life journey and success. Participation in her church choir, usher board, and Women of Purpose, constantly keep Birdie rooted in God, Birdie's childhood memories were always adventurous with her siblings (Calvin Beaty, Maxine Beaty, Oscar Beaty, David Beaty, Deloris Beaty, Joyce Beaty, Barbara Beaty, and Sherline Beaty). Birdie's life journey and success has been an abundance of laughter, joy and an overflow of love. Birdie recently retired from the United States Government and continues to flourish as a successful nurse in Jacksonville North Carolina, also known as Camp Lejeune, the home of "The Few and the Proud, The United States Marine Corps".



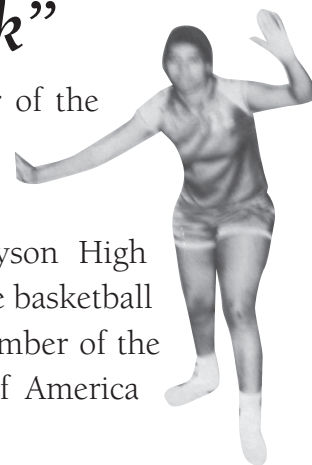
INDUCTEES



BOBBIE J. GOLDSMITH *“Goldbrick”*

Bobbie J. Goldsmith is the daughter of the late James and Alberta Goldsmith of Simpsonville, SC.

A 1965 graduate of Joseph R. Bryson High School where she played guard on the basketball team from 1961-1965. An active member of the Student Council, Future Teachers of America and the cheerleader squad.



A member of the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, Bobbie has served with the youth, the Sunday school, Health Ministry, Single Ministry and Ushers Ministry, locally and statewide.

She is retired from Celanese Fibers Corp, and now is employed with the Greenville County School District (Bryson Middle School) as a luxurious lunch lady.

Her remaining time is spent with family and friends, nieces and nephews.



PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

The PAA Story: What a Great Idea

In 1970, for the most part all of the five black high schools were closed as high schools in Greenville county. Progress in moving toward better education also left an empty place in the memories and hearts of those that grew up in that era and attended those schools.



THE FIRST CLASS

Years had passed and the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame was revitalized in 1972. Great athletes from around the state were selected and inducted into the Hall of Fame. After a few years the question was asked...why are there not more athletes and coaches from the upstate considered for induction into the Hall of Fame? People like Bill Thompson, Ernie Brock, Coach Joe Mathis and so forth.

That question led to another question of why can't we create a hall of fame that would embrace the Upstate's athletic programs and recognize with dignity, glamour and prestige, those athletes and coaches who are so deserving?

That question became an idea. From that idea came a purpose. Alumni from Sterling, Bryson, Beck, Lincoln and Washington High were called together. From the moment anyone hear this idea and purpose, they would say that this is something great. After a number of noon day lunch meetings at the Ramada on Church Street, late night telephone conferences with many people; another meeting was held in the latter part of 1991 at Phyllis Weatley Center. A representative from each school was present.

There, at the meeting, the final question was asked and answered. What will we call this Hall of Fame that would embrace all the schools and it's area of interest. The initial Founders said "The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame"

The rest, as they say, is History. Clyde Mayes was made Executive Director and following the first class of inductees in 1992, Clyde spent the next two years organizing the PAA's structure and building a formulation for perpetual existence:

- ◆ Articles of incorporation and by laws
- ◆ Registration with the Secretary of State office
- ◆ Tax status under 501(C)(3)
- ◆ Creation of Hall of Fame logo, symbol and stationary
- ◆ Scholarship program guidelines and criteria

With the organization structurally in place Mr. Emanuel Sullivan became the PAA Hall of Fame second Executive Director in 1995. Emanuel added present day community sports programs to the PAA's agenda; (1) High School Basketball Player of the Week; (2) County Basketball All Star Game; (3) Membership Appreciation Night; and (4) the including of Women Athletes for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Over the past 22 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently 210 coaches, players and supporters have been inducted under the Emanuel Sullivan administration.

Forever thankful, the PAA is mindful of the public support the people of the Upstate has given the Hall of Fame. This did turn out to be a good idea and a lot of fun.



THE SECOND CLASS

The initial Founders put together the very first meeting of The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame at The Ramada Hotel, 1001 Church Street, Greenville, SC. The following people were present:

Dr. E.D. Dixon*	Mr. Sam Zimmerman, Sr.*
Coach A.C. Duckett*	Mr. Wilfred Walker
Rev. J.D. Mathis*	Mr. Charles Gardner
Mr. Louie Golden	Attorney Ernest Hamilton
Mr. James Floyd	

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July 23, 1992

Brice B. Durbin
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 NATIONAL FEDERATION

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
 Piedmont Athletic Association
 Hall of Fame
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 Greenville, SC 29603

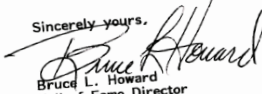
Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On behalf of the National Federation of State High School Associations and its National High School Sports Hall of Fame, we offer our congratulations to your first class of inductees into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations to Louie Golden, Al Duckett, Thomas "Sporty" Williams, Rev. J.D. Mathis, James T. Floyd, Eddie Jones and Dewey Tullis for their accomplishments and contributions to high school coaching.

I applaud your efforts in launching the Piedmont Hall of Fame as a way of recognizing outstanding coaches and educators in Greenville County, South Carolina. I wish you the best in the years to come as you continue to salute additional worthy individuals.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist you from a national perspective, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

 Bruce L. Howard
 Hall of Fame Director

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c: Louie Golden
 Al Duckett
 Thomas "Sporty" Williams
 Rev. J.D. Mathis
 James T. Floyd

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July 17, 1992

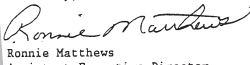
Mr. Thomas W. Williams
 1002 Diggs Avenue
 Columbus, Georgia 31906

Dear Thomas:

I read with great interest your induction into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is a great honor and one I know you are extremely proud of. I would like to extend my congratulations to you for this honor and for what you have done to improve athletics in South Carolina. It is always good to recognize outstanding gentlemen and coaches for the positive input they have made on so many young people. Your guidance and leadership will never be forgotten by these athletes.

Again, congratulations for receiving this most deserved honor.

If I may ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

 Ronnie Matthews
 Assistant Executive Director

RM:bw

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July 31, 1992

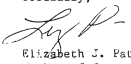
Mr. Eddie Jones
 5 French Lane
 Greenville, South Carolina 29603

Dear Mr. Jones:

I saw in the newspaper where you have been inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations.


I am sure you must know that your teaching and coaching career has made a difference in people's lives. Your dedication to our young people is appreciated by many folks in our area.

Best wishes to you. Please let me know if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

 Elizabeth J. Patterson
 Member of Congress

EJP:bw

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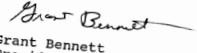
South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

July 31, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
 Piedmont Athletic Association
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 P. O. Box 10672
 Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

We would like to congratulate the inductees recently inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is indeed a tremendous honor to be recognized for accomplishments in sports and the many contributions these individuals have made to the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

 Grant Bennett
 President

GB/tj

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➤ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ➤

The Scholarship Award is set up to fill a needed void between the good high school players who played a big supporting role in most cases for their gifted teammates that get the full scholarships to colleges. Secondly, this type of grant encourages high school students to participate in athletics, to excel in class, to go to college. This unique scholarship awards athletic performance and class work. The criteria is that a student must have earned two letters in one or a single letter in a combination of two or more varsity sports and did not get a full scholarship, yet did enroll in a college after high school.

Funds for the scholarship award program are set aside yearly by the Board of Directors from our different fundraisers...ie, donations, membership dues, Senior Showcase Games proceeds and Banquet proceeds of the PAA's General fund. As can be expected, the number and amount of the awards are made possible by the availability of funds. To date the PAA scholarship award program has awarded over \$100,000.00 to Greenville county students. For the most part, most of the students enrolled into instate colleges.

	1996	
Corey Boggin	Riverside High School	Greenville Tec. College

	1997	
Terry Young	Travelers Rest High School	Benedict College

	1998	
William C. Staggs	Blue Ridge High School	USC-Spartanburg
LaShanda Maxwell	Carolina High School	Denmark Tec. College
Andre' D. Brantley	Wade Hampton High School	Benedict College

	1999	
Christopher H. Harvey	Blue Ridge High School	North Greenville College
Lakia N. Griffin	Greer High School	USC-Spartanburg
Adrian M. Harris	Hillcrest High School	Newberry College
Lynatte N. Jackson	Travelers Rest High School	Charleston Southern Uni.
Maya N. Grady	Greer High School	Lenior-Rhyne College
Latonya N. Davis	Hillcrest High School	Berea College
Michilla L. Jackson	Carolina High School	Anderson College

	2000	
Roderick Henderson	J.L. Mann High School	Wingate College
Charles Clark	Southside High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
John Phelps	Hillcrest High School	Voorhees College
Erie Williams	Greer High School	Wingate College
Craig Johnson	Greer High School	Greenville Tec. College
Barney Jackson	Berea High School	Pikeville College
David Little	Wade Hampton High School	North Greenville College
Demetrius Pepper	Greenville High School	Morris College
Kevin Allen	Carolina High School	Mars Hill College
Karen Hunt	Southside High School	Hiwassee College
La'trese Davis	Hillcrest High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
C.W. Bankhead	Mauldin High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
Natasha Morgan	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University
Autumn Skelton	Greenville High School	Francis Marion College
Mathew Chasteen	Woodmont High School	Pfeiffer College
Veronica Thompson	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University

	2001	
Charlena Martin	Berea High School	Walter State Community College
Samuel Mattison	Wade Hampton High School	Brevard College
Charity Williams	Greer High School	Winthrop University
Clayton Smith	Woodmont High School	North Greenville College
Tiffany Jones	Hillcrest High School	University of South Carolina
Jamario Twitty	Berea High School	Clemson University
Brandon Smith	Wade Hampton High School	University of South Carolina
Rodney Taylor	Carolina High School	South Carolina State University

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

❖ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ❖

2001 Continued

Jauron Martin
 Stacey Mars
 Danielle Welborn
 Lakita Backum
 Melissa Griffin
 Herbert Brooks Jr.
 Samuel Brown
 Jada Blakely
 Jada Sullivan
 Crystal Pyles
 Barry Wilder
 Darin Jenkins
 Ryan Hamilton
 Erie Williams

Woodmont High School
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 Southside High School
 Greenville High School
 Southside High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Carolina High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Eastside High School
 Carolina High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Greer High School

Berea College
 Erskine College
 North Greenville College
 Greensboro College
 Greenville Technical College
 East Tennessee State University
 University of South Carolina
 South Carolina State University
 U.S.C. Spartanburg
 U.S.C. Spartanburg
 University of South Carolina
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Wake Forrest University
 Wingate University

2002

David Gibson
 Edward Strange
 Maurice Brockington
 Nakisha Bennett
 Travis Irby
 Tivarius Thompson
 Timothy Carson
 Jarvis Robinson
 Martin Vernon
 John Lawton
 Travis Hawthorne
 Kimberly Jamieson
 Brandon Thomason
 Michael Brockman, Jr.
 Princess Putman

Southside High School
 Travelers Rest High School
 Riverside High School
 Greenville High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Berea High School
 Riverside High School
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 Carolina High School
 Travelers Rest High School
 Mauldin High School
 Eastside High School
 Woodmont High School
 Woodmont High School
 Hillcrest High School

Nakiy Gardner
 Jonathan Lee
 Morgan McCain
 Jarvis Pickering
 Shadae Thompson

Amber Joy Ryals

T.C. McGreen
 Courtney Croft
 Karman Gaffney
 Lakia Mansell
 Alex Jamison
 Taylor Payne

2006

Southside High School
 Carolina High School
 Mauldin High School
 Southside High School
 Greenville High School

2007

Southern Wesleyan University \$1,000.00

2008

Travelers Rest High School
 Wade Hampton High School
 Greer High School
 Southside High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Riverside High School

2003

Brittany Whitaker
 Julian Swinger
 Koyett Miles
 Zachary Grant
 Victor Duck
 Bobby Downs
 Travis Morris
 Jonathon Jackson
 Margaret Williams
 Brandon Williams
 Lisa Jackson

Blue Ridge High School
 Carolina High School
 Southside High School
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 Hillcrest High School
 Blue Ridge High School
 Southside High School
 Riverside High School

Bradford Hamilton
 Keema Blakney

Lauren Brailsford
 Chauncey Mattei
 Deonte Cargild
 Douglas Mack
 John Clark
 Sharonda Tate

2009

Eastside High School
 Southside High School

2010

Riverside High
 Greenville High
 Greer High
 Greer High
 Southside High
 Riverside High
 Coker College
 Newberry College
 Coastal Carolina University
 Benedict College
 North Greenville University
 Spartanburg Methodist

2011

Woodmont High
 St. Joseph High
 Greer High
 Berea High
 Carolina High
 Anderson University
 South Carolina State University
 Coastal Carolina
 Printa College
 USC

2012

Greenville High
 Eastside High
 Greer High
 Southside High
 Hillcrest High
 Garnder Webb
 USC Upstate
 Winthrop University
 Winthrop University
 Greenville Tec

2004

Antoine Freeman
 Chinessia Lee
 Jonathan Jones
 Tiffany T. Jones
 Kelly Westermeier
 Benjamin Baily

Allen University
 Lander University
 S.C. State
 Limestone College
 Clemson University
 North Greenville College

Jacob Ramiro
 Kezial Brown
 Quelere Mack
 Anthony Dickey
 McKinnely Leverette

Cortez Starks
 Dammond Duckett
 Alexis Miller
 Jaylyn Walker
 Marquiz Evans

2005

Amanda McKinney
 Arthur Sitton

Southside High School
 Greer High School

2013 PAA SENIOR SHOWCASE

March 9 • Al Duckett Gym, Hillcrest High School



West All-Star Boys



West All-Star Girls



East All-Star Boys



East School All-Star Girls



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BASKETBALL
COACHES
PRESENTS



WEST TEAM



EAST TEAM



GREER



YELLOW JACKETS



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CLARENCE WHITTENBERG



LOUISE WALKER SULLIVAN



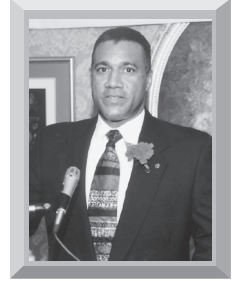
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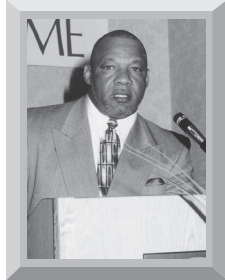
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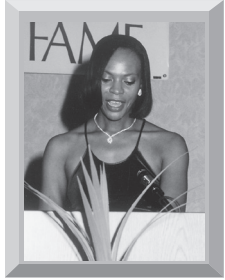
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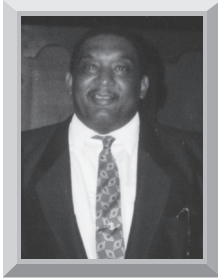
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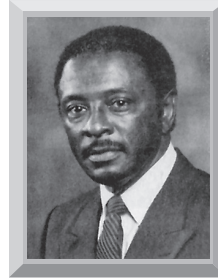
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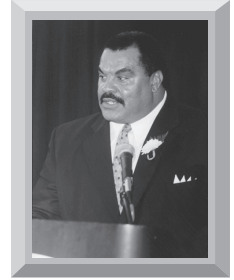
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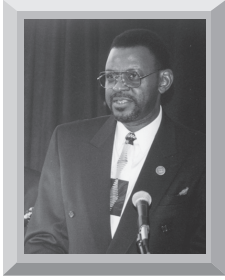
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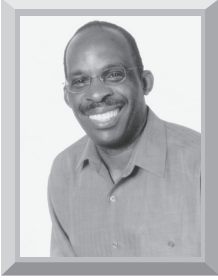
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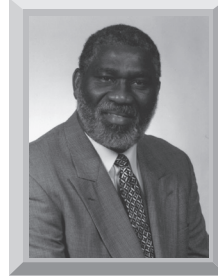
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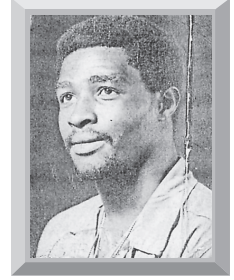
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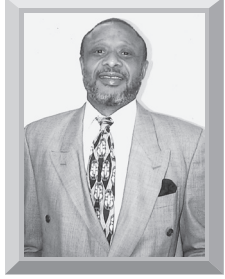
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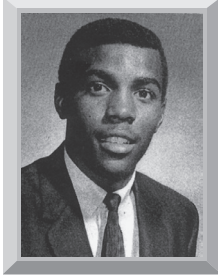
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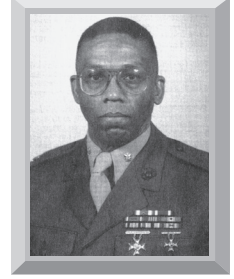
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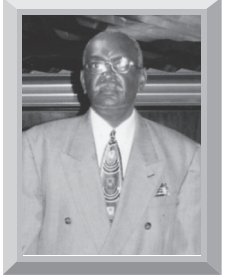
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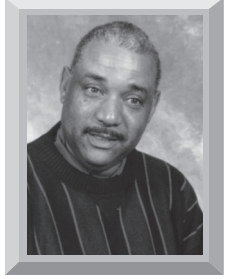
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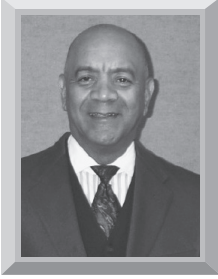
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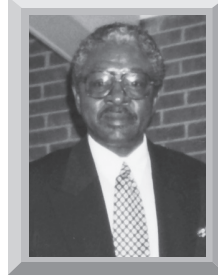
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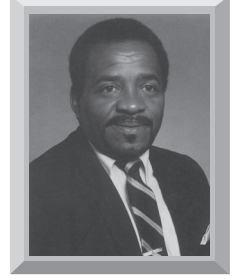
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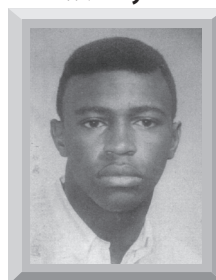
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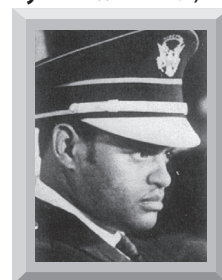
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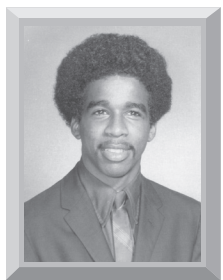
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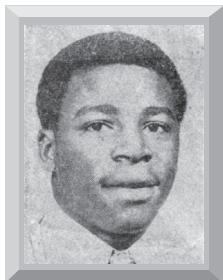
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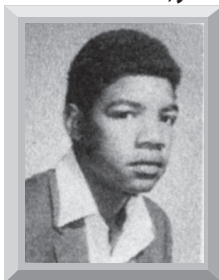
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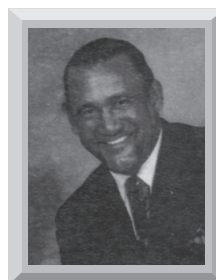
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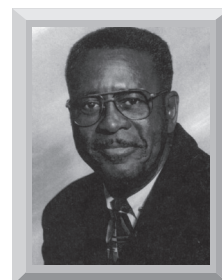
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A History of Joseph E. Beck High School

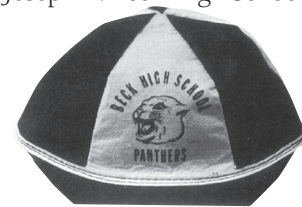
1965-1969

On March 12, 1963, the Board of Trustees of the School District of Greenville County approved a site upon which was to be built a new school called the Nicholtown Junior-Senior High School. The site included twenty-six acres of land in the Green Forest Park area along McAlister Road and was to be purchased from the city of Greenville for the amount of \$75,000.

There were several reasons why Greenville County needed this new school. First of all, the site of the plant was located in the most thickly populated Negro section of Greenville, which at that time had no junior-senior high school in the community. Secondly, Sterling High School was operating on double and triple sessions and was badly in need of relief. Thirdly, the entire Nicholtown area was steadily increasing in population, and future need would increase the demands for a new school. Finally, a school was needed specifically to take care of students in the Nicholtown, Allen, Backer's Chapel, Roosevelt, and Fieldcrest areas of Greenville.

After a building committee was set up and the final plans for the school were approved, the contract to build the new plant was given to the Triangle Construction Company. In a meeting on November 10, 1964, the Board of Trustees of the Greenville County Schools voted to change the name of the new school from Nicholtown Junior-Senior High School to Joseph E. Beck High School in honor of the late Mr. Joseph Elbert Beck. Mr. Beck was an African-American educator who had spent thirty years in Greenville County school work including serving as principal of Sterling High School for twenty-one years.

The Joseph E. Beck High School was occupied for the first time in August of 1965. The new building's construction had cost \$1,425,715.65 and equipping the school brought the figure up to \$1,584,846.75. The McPherson Company served as the architect in the project.



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The plant consisted of forty classrooms, library for 120 students, vocational shop complex, a 600 seat auditorium, science laboratories for science and home economics. The band, choral, and art departments were housed in areas that did not interfere with regular class activities. The gymnasium, which seated approximately 1500 people, was provided with an electrically operated panel that could divide the gym into two separate areas.

The principal chosen to lead Beck High School was Mr. Lemmon A Stevenson. His assistant was Mr. Albert A. Richburg, and the services of Mrs. Nancy G. Griggs were secured for the position of dean in charge of guidance.

Although Beck was built to serve at least a thousand students, only 700 were expected during the first year. However, almost all of that one thousand students came that first year, and in the following years there were never less than that number. The first faculty consisted of thirty-nine teachers, but due to a consistently high enrollment, the number was increased in following years. J.E. Beck High School had a total of 253 graduates: twenty-eight the first year, 105 the second, and 120 in 1968.



A student council functioned as the parent club of the school. Its first action was to adopt a school motto (“Service, Simplicity, Sincerity”), colors (black and gold), and an alma mater. The council also produced a student handbook containing rules, guidance, and activities for the student body. Other products of the active council was a monitoring system, clean-up plans, an annual homecoming festivity, and charters for various clubs and organizations within the school.

A school choir began at Beck in 1965, and the Beck High School Band had its beginnings in 1966 under the direction of Mr. J. A. Devore. The first band had sixty members, but the following year it doubled in size and became known as the “Marching 12.” During its brief history, the band won top honors in several contests and festivals and it was the first organization to bring a trophy into the school.

During the 1965-1966 school year Beck High School had both a football and basketball team. The next year track and baseball were added, and in the 1967-1968 school year two junior varsity teams began in basketball and football. Beck participated as a AAA conference school in 1968 with its basketball team that year becoming the Class AAA State Runner-up team.

The Panther, Beck’s yearbook, was published in the spring of 1966. It continued during the following years under the leadership of various faculty members and student staffs. In 1968 the school added a completely equipped dark room and developing lab to its facilities. This was a great advantage to the yearbook staff since the audiovisuals director of Beck was engaged to take and develop all the pictures to be used for the yearbook.

J. E. Beck High School was always a forward looking institution, seeking to improve the quality and the quantity of the education available for its students. Each year there were improvements made in the school’s facilities and in the courses offered. In its second year, Beck added for its students courses in band, art, auto mechanics, masonry, industrial art, trigonometry, shorthand, comparative government, advanced typing, and advanced cosmetology. In the 1967-1968 school year, Beck began offering a program in health education led by the school nurse. Further additions included courses in Spanish, business math, economics, and journalism. Later courses were added in developmental and remedial reading, driver education, office practice, speech, sociology, string music, advanced French and Spanish, business math, economics, and journalism.

During this time, school accreditation was not the only thought in the minds of the faculty and administration of Beck. They were becoming aware of national and local concern over the problem of school integration. Before 1967-1968 there were no white personnel at Beck. Preferring to achieve integration on a voluntary basis, Beck’s staff began working toward another goal - integration of school personnel. In the fall of 1967, a part-time school nurse who was white was employed. In February of 1968 a white social studies teacher was added. Then, in the fall of 1968, Beck’s staff included eleven white persons, all of who were employed before district pressures were placed on schools to have them integrate their faculties. This achievement was the outstanding one in the integration of school faculties in the state of South Carolina.

Beck’s history was relatively short, having seen only four years of operation, but the advances the school made in its educational program and in the programs of the district and the state in such a short time had been remarkable. If past performance and effort could have been continued within the school and coupled by full administrative and financial support from the School District of Greenville County, Joseph E. Beck High School could not help but have become one of the outstanding high schools of South Carolina.



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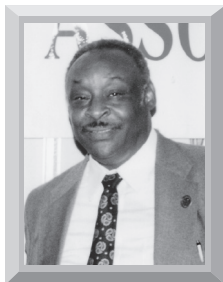


Washington High Falcons

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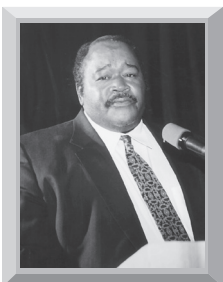
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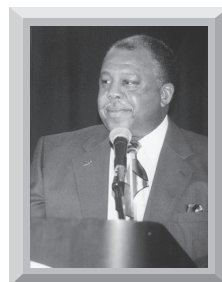
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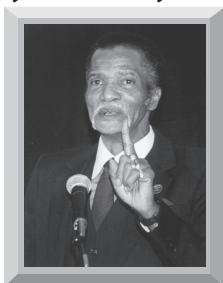
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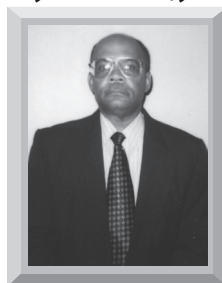
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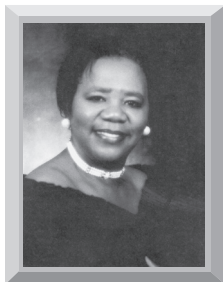
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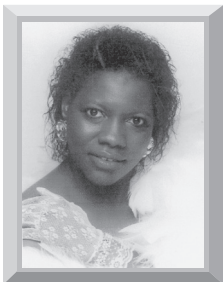
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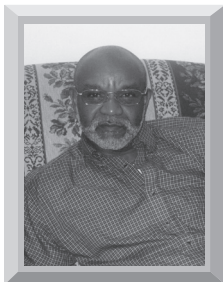
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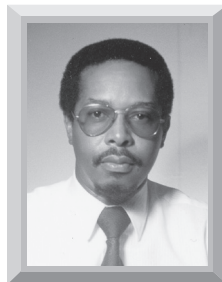
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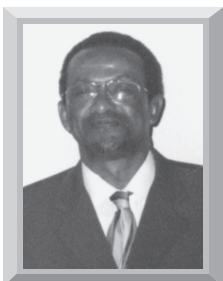
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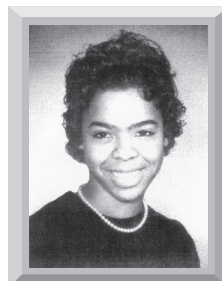
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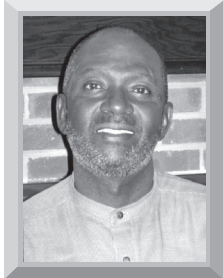
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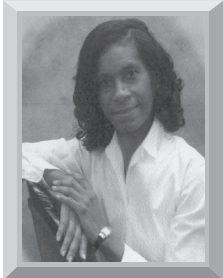
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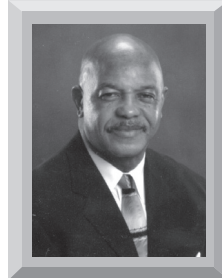
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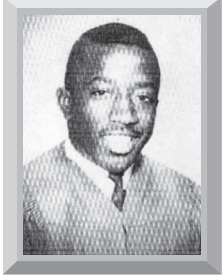
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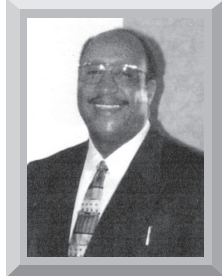
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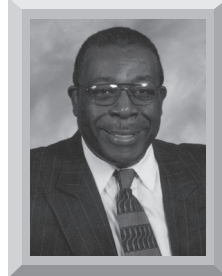
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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



A History of Washington High School

1961-1970

Originally called "Happy Hearts" elementary and high school, it was later officially named Washington Elementary and High. In 1971, the building was abandoned as an elementary and high school. For many years afterwards it served as a school providing special education services for handicapped children. The building is currently unoccupied.

The first to graduate was the 1961-1962 class and the last to graduate was the 1968-1969 class. In January of 1970 students from Washington would integrate into other schools in Greenville County as would many of the Teachers and Administrators. Mr. J. Wilbur Walker was the Principal and Mr. Jesse C. Beck would serve as Assistant Principal.

Washington was the last of the 17 school projects to be completed in 1961. It replaced the old Brutontown School and was built to take some of the load from Sterling High School. Some students came from nearby Lincoln High School. Originally Washington had 36 teaching stations, including 14 elementary and 22 high school classrooms. It was planned for 1020 students. In addition to the traditional studies, the school provided classes for drafting/ welding, industrial arts and auto mechanics. Later, additions would be made to the school to expand the elementary and high school areas and completion of new sections to accommodate classrooms for music, cosmetology and electronics. Long after the school closed, many continued to achieve much in life built on the education and skills taught and learned at Washington. Also, the school had an Adult Education Program designed to help adults take their places adequately in a complex society.

The school served the surrounding communities and the people of the communities took even greater pride in serving and supporting Washington High School. A PTA was quickly organized to



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promote child welfare, to raise the standards of living, to secure legislation/ and to develop intelligent co-operation between parents and teachers in meeting the children's needs. Organizers moved quickly to adopt the School Alma Mater, to select a Mascot/ and to choose the original school colors as red and gray. Later/ the school would use a combination of red, white/ and blue. Another purpose for the building was for it to be designed in anticipation of use as a community center. Years later it was briefly used as a summer recreational facility. During the early years parents made some of the Cheerleading and Majorette uniforms and helped in other ways to outfit the Band until uniforms could be purchased.

Many teachers and students have gone on to many noteworthy accomplishments after Washington officially closed. While at Washington, Eddie Jones served as coach, teacher, athletic director and department head. Coach Jones was inducted into the First Piedmont Association Athletic Hall Of Fame in 1992. He would become the first head football coach at Eastside High School and later would serve as both Assistant Principal and Principal. Throughout his career in the Greenville County School District he would serve as a motivator and demonstrate a degree of caring and understanding of the problems many of the students faced because of their environment and economic conditions. In 1989 he was nominated for the William B. Harley Administrator of the Year for Outstanding School Administrators.

Reverend James W. Johnson taught English and Social Studies at Washington High School in addition to being Director of Student Activities, Advisor to the Student Council, and Chairman of Homecoming parade and activities. Reverend Johnson retired as a Guidance Counselor from the Greenville County School District with 30 years of service. He was given Special Recognition by the PAA in 2009 for his achievements and outstanding service.

Dr. Margaree Crosby taught elementary school at Washington and her adult years have been filled with achievements. She



was a full professor of reading and language arts at Clemson University. She received the first South Carolina Women of Achievement award given by the Miss South Carolina Pageant and she was the first female of any race to be appointed to the Greenville Hospital Board of Trustees. Dr. Crosby was a pioneer of the civil rights era. She was one of several students whose protest led to the integration of the Greenville County Public Library System.

In its brief existence Washington would excel in several sports. Boys completed in Football, Baseball, Basketball and Track and the girls competed and participated in Basketball, Track and Cheerleading. The 1968-69 Falcons would reach the pinnacle of success by winning the State 1A Football Championship with victories over schools in North Carolina and South Carolina. Also, two members of the Mighty Falcons Football Team, Roy Kirksey and Willie Belton attended Maryland State University and later played in the National Football League. The Girls Basketball Team captured the 1965-1966 District AA Championship.



From the beginning until the final days of operation Washington had Great Marching and Concert Bands under the direction of Mr. Cleodis Brown. The band participated in several Christmas and Homecoming Parades. One member of the band, James Thompson (class of 67-68), was one of three students from South Carolina invited to participate in the Macy's Day Parade held annually in New York.

If you happen to drive past Washington High School on a cool autumn Friday night near the vicinity of Poinsett Highway, Rutherford Road, or Pleasantburg, and you look and listen closely, you might see the bright lights and hear:

Oh Red and Blue you look so good to me!

Fly Strong, Fly High, Fly Proud, MIGHTY FALCONS!



The Marching Falcons

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The Green and Gold Rattlers

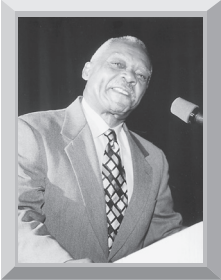


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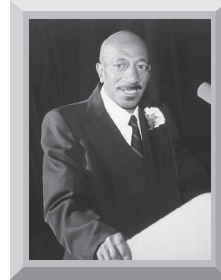
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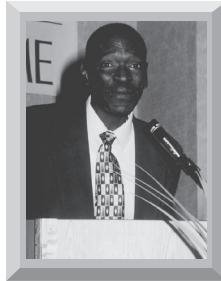
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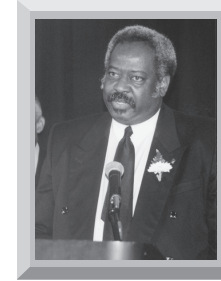
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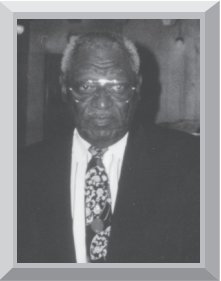
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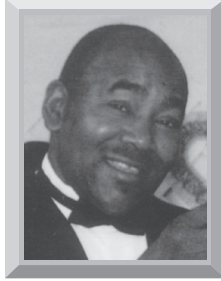
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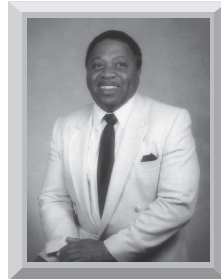
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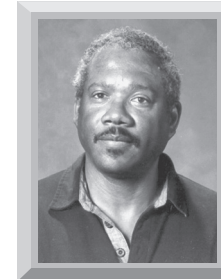
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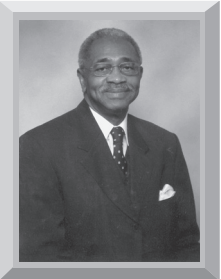
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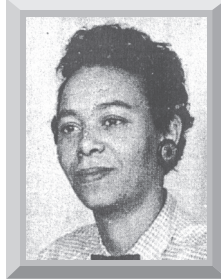
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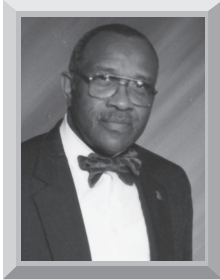
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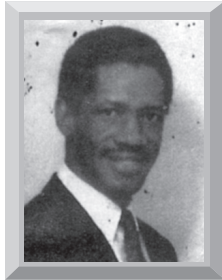
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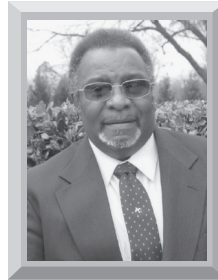
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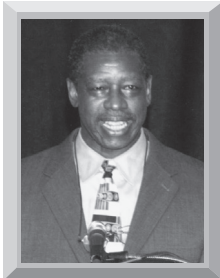
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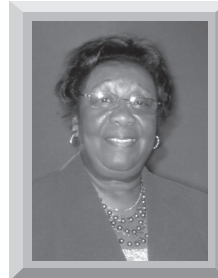
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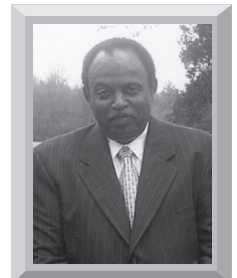
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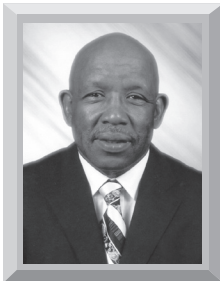
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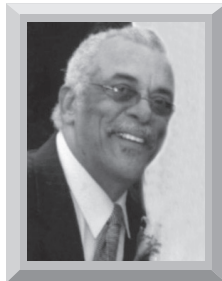
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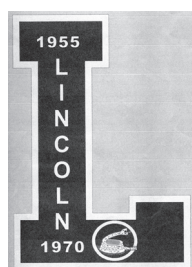
A History of Lincoln High School

1954 - 1970

In the fall of September 1955, Lincoln High School opened its doors for education. It was the only school that offered grades 1-12. The land was owned by Mrs. Daisy Gray Thompson and Robert Anderson. The school served the community proudly for 15 years. At the end of 1970 the doors closed on Lincoln High for good.

School color: Green and Gold (1956)

Mascot: The Rattler, a product of Mr. Nathaniel Hartman patterned after Florida A&M. The name Rattler is a symbol of power and beauty, both of which was found at Lincoln.



- R- Readiness
- A- Ability
- T- Truthfulness
- T- Tenacity
- L- Loyalty
- E- Eagerness
- R- Reliability

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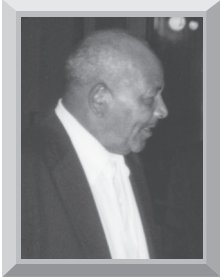


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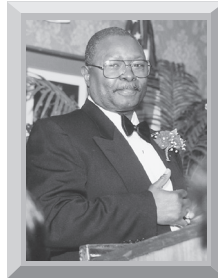
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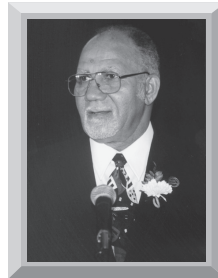
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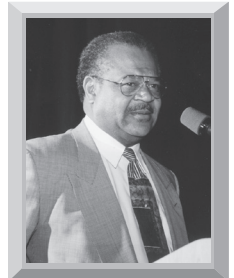
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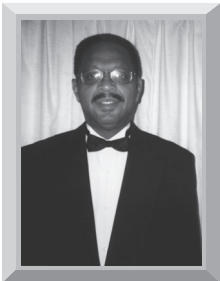
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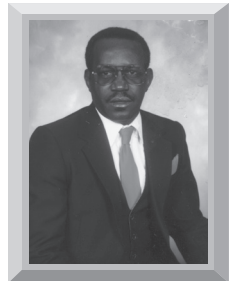
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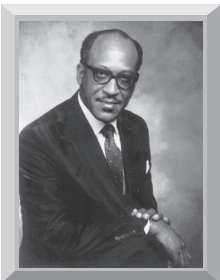
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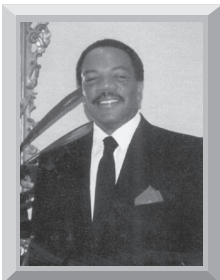
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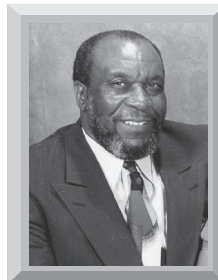
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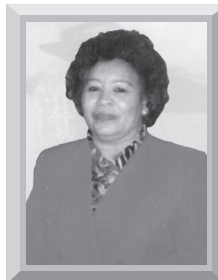
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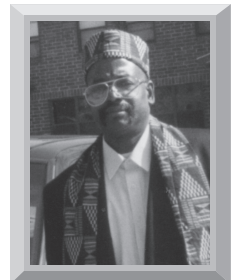
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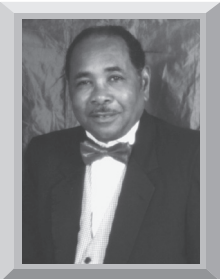
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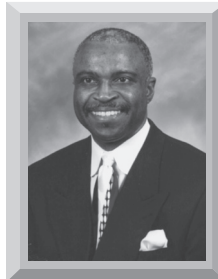
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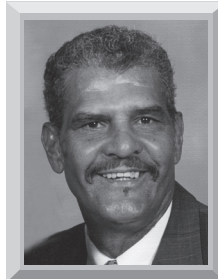
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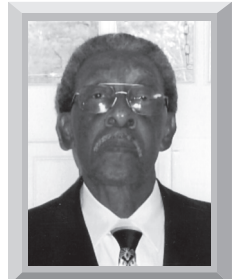
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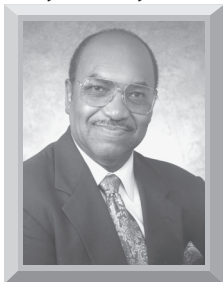
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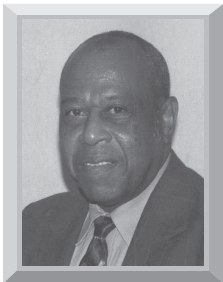
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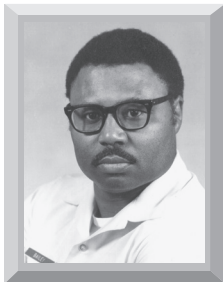
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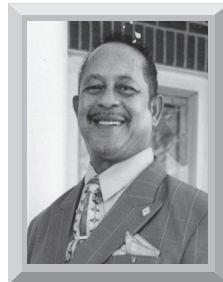
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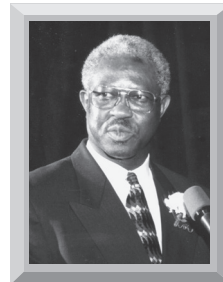
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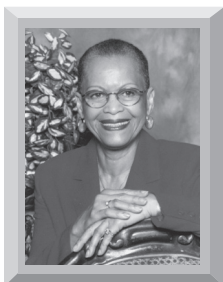
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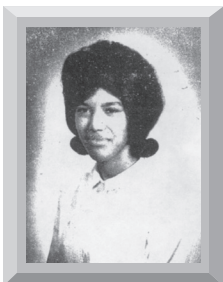
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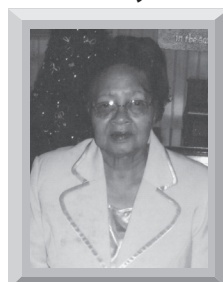
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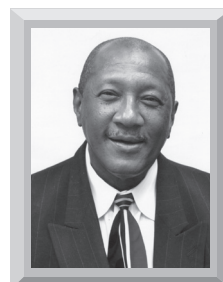
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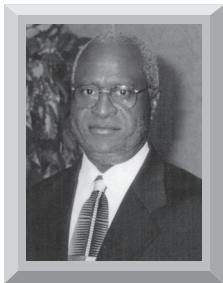
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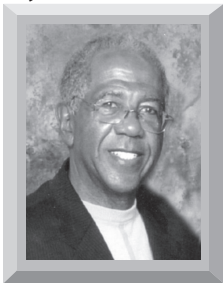
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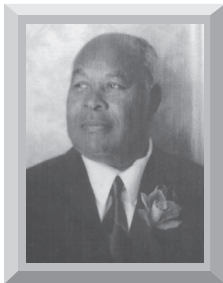
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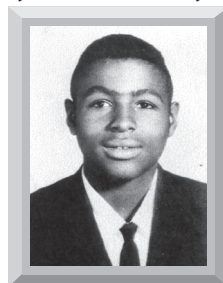
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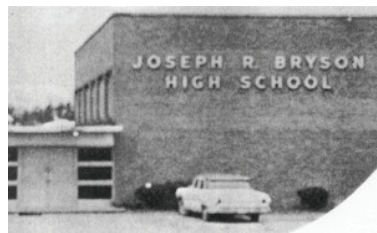
1954 - 1970

In 1868 the South Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation providing for a state superintendent of education, who would be elected biennially, and who would have general supervision of the state's public school system. The act by the General Assembly wisely put the people of Greenville County in control by providing that a commissioner of education in each county be elected by popular vote, along with a local board of trustees for each school district.

The people of Greenville County elected a county commissioner of education biennially until 1896 following the action of the general assembly. It is interesting to note that the city of Greenville did not establish a free school system until 18 years after the General Assembly enacted legislation providing for a state superintendent of education. Mr. A. D. Asbury, in his paper, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," dated March, 1961 stated that the first public school system was established in Greenville on May 3, 1866, with school board composed of five members, one of who was black (S. S. Thompson).

It might also be interesting to mention briefly that some two years before the action by the General Assembly, black people in Greenville County had begun efforts to establish the first private school for their children. Their efforts were led by a black man from the lower part of the state named Charles Hopkins. An ordained minister, Hopkins raised \$300 from among black and white citizens of Greenville County and purchased a storehouse that was no longer needed by the army. He later took a three-year lease on land that was located on the outskirts of Greenville and build a schoolhouse there from materials taken from the abandoned army storehouse. (Asa H. Gordon, *Sketches of Negro Life and History in South Carolina*, Univ. of SC Press, 1971, p. 103).

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Correspondence between Hopkins and various officers of the Freedmen's Bureau indicated that the school's enrollment eventually reached 300, and the school's staff grew to five, including two white teachers. The school started by the black man is believed to have become Allen Elementary School and was taken in the city school system.

Annual reports of the state superintendent of education in 1870 Greenville County had seventy-eight free common schools with an enrollment of 2,060 white pupils and 597 'colored' pupils. By 1878 the county reported 136 schools with an enrollment of 5,274 white and 2,697 black pupils.

- the previous information came from Dr. J. Floyd Hall's *Highlights of Education in Greenville County: 1811 to 1975*.

Upon the recommendation of the John's Survey that a study be made of school facilities for the Greenville County and outlying attendance areas of surrounding counties, Englehardt, Englehardt and Leggett was employed to make a study of the building needs to accommodate the school district. This study recommended that two high schools for Negroes be established outside the city of Greenville and that one would serve the lower part of our county. It was recommended that this school be located in about the center of the area which it would serve.

The administrative staff and board of education Greenville County began to seek a location for a high school in the lower part of the county. After considering several locations, the present site was selected because of the utilities that were available on what is known as the "Golden Strip." The school was located off State Highway 14 between Simpsonville and Fountain Inn. The school was named by the County Board of Education for the late Joseph Raleigh Bryson, who served as a United States Representative from this Congressional District from January 3, 1939 to March 10, 1953.

Bryson High School opened its doors for the first time on Sept. 3, 1954. Five hundred and sixty-seven students were enrolled in grades seven through twelve. This enrollment represented a combination of five small inadequate high schools that served this area. Growth in student population made it necessary in the fall of 1958 to have only grades eight through twelve. The feeder schools were Bryson, Burgess, Laurel Creek, and Morton.

In 1954 in Greenville County, there were four high schools serving the African American population. Lincoln High served the upper part of Greenville County, Sterling and Washington High served the city of Greenville, and Bryson served the lower part of the county. Beck High School was later added in 1966 to serve the Fieldcrest and Nicholtown areas.

Bryson High School was built fully equipped with a gymnasium, auditorium, administrative area, vocational, agriculture and industrial education shops, three home economics laboratories, two science laboratories, music room, cafeteria, business laboratory and library with modern furniture and equipment in all these areas. The adopted mascot was the Hurricane and the school's newspaper was officially named *The Hurricane Times*.

The late Dr. A.M. Anderson served as principal during the entire existence of Bryson High School's 14.5 year history. Known by many names: "Chief", "Prof", "Mr. or Dr. Anderson", this man was the school's leader. He inspired his students and his teachers to become the best that they could. During his tenure, students were encouraged to think of high school as a stepping stone to greater heights. The evidence can be found in the many directions students took in positions of leadership in their diverse fields. Not only have Brysonians become good citizens, but also teachers, preachers, musicians, medical doctors, educational doctors, lawyers, business professionals, service men and women, and areas beyond. Much of this success can be attributed to the inspiration of Dr. Anderson. When integration of schools occurred in 1970, the teachers from Bryson who were placed in other schools were most often the holders of Master's degrees in the schools to which they were assigned. From Bryson High eight teachers became principals, five became assistant principals, one became Associate Superintendent for Greenville Country Schools and one became State Supervisor of Librarians. All of these person give credit to Dr. Anderson for inspiring them to a professionalism that caused their promotions.

The school was staffed with qualify educators, who were dedicated to their profession. This all Black school represented an outstanding part of the Fountain Inn and surrounding Black communities. Graduating over 1,000 students, instilling in them self motivation, a will to succeed, and a challenge to improve upon the quality of life for all Black Americans. Making Bryson High School a proud chapter of the Black American History.

As a direct result of the 1960s civil rights movement for a racial equality and a right to a quality education in this country, the United States Supreme Court in the winter of 1969 ruled that "Segregation of public schools in unconstitutional" and "Separate but Equal" does not work. The Supreme Court ordered that all public schools be desegregated in this country, and the school district of Greenville County, South Carolina be the first to comply with this court order, with implementation beginning by spring of 1970.

In the spring of 1970 Bryson High School ceased to exist as a high school. All students enrolled except for 9th and 12th graders were transferred to Hillcrest of Woodmont High, both tradition all white high schools. The seniors were allowed to graduate from Bryson, making the class of 1970 the last graduating class of Bryson High School.

With emphases on high standards of education, social behavior and a belief in God as the creator was a positive image set and executed by parents and faculty, giving Bryson High Alumni Family a proud tradition of winning during school years and after graduation. The success of these efforts are given proof by the outstanding accomplishments of individual alumnus in their various professions, as they continue to achieve goals that were inspired at Bryson High. Today Bryson remains a s a middle school, but the Joseph R. Bryson High School Hurricane spirit will remain forever carved in the page of a proud history.

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Est. 1896

The former High School was destroyed by fire in 1967 and moved to the old Greenville Junior High building until 1970. The original Gym still stands and is regularly used today for all types of community activities and games

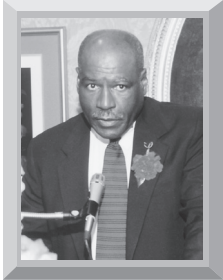
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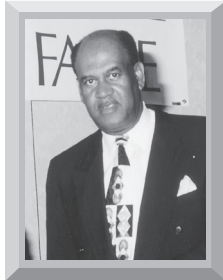
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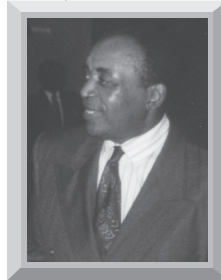
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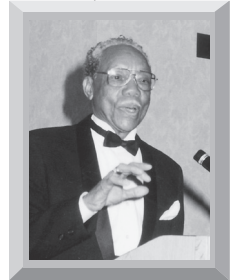
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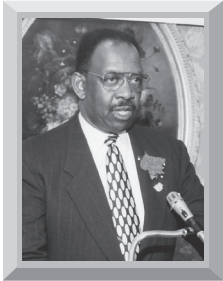
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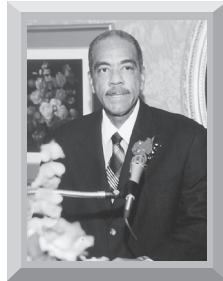
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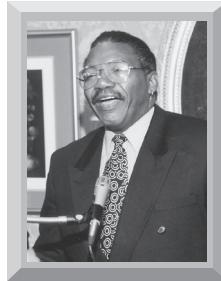
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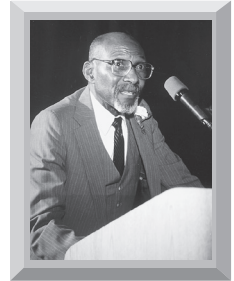
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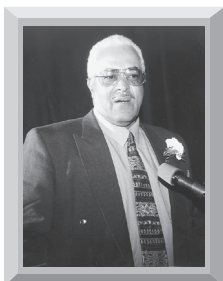
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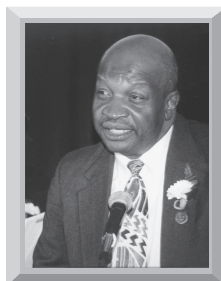
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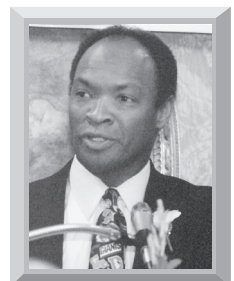
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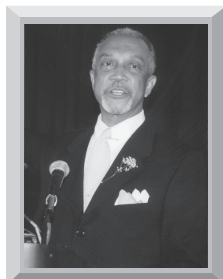
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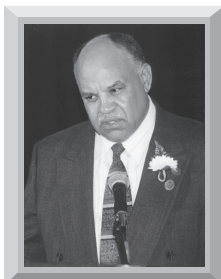
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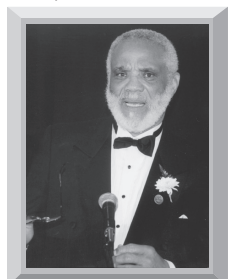
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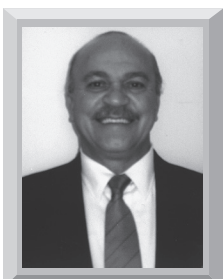
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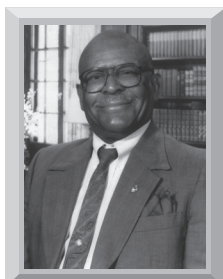
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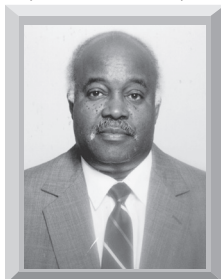
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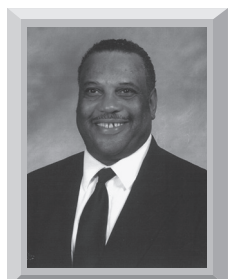
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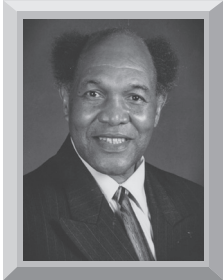
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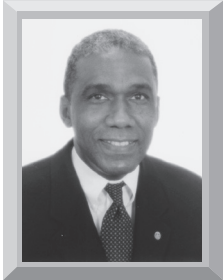
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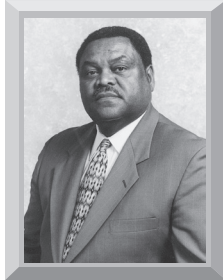
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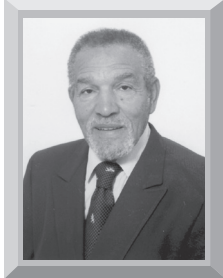
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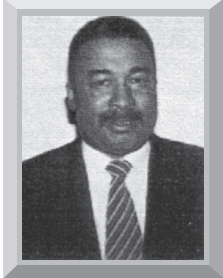
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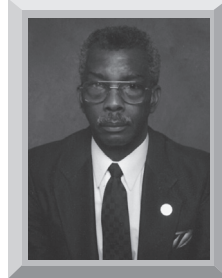
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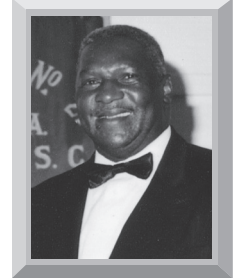
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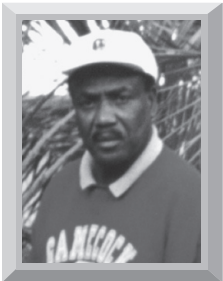
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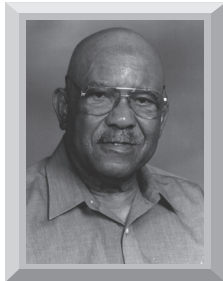
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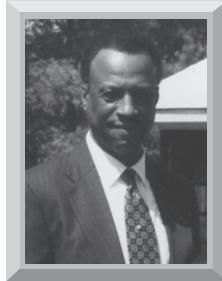
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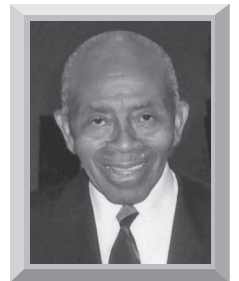
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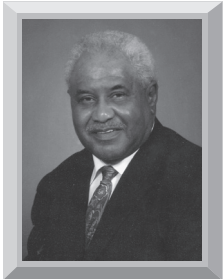
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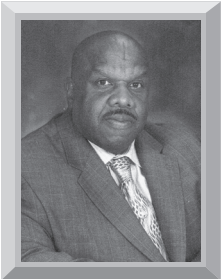
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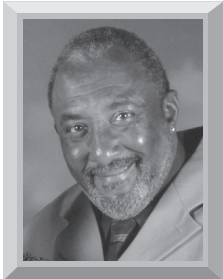
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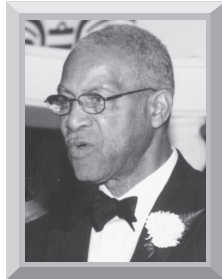
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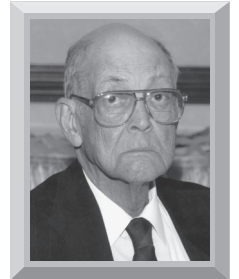
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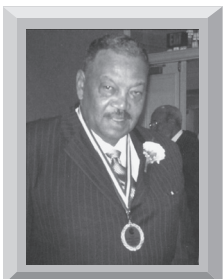
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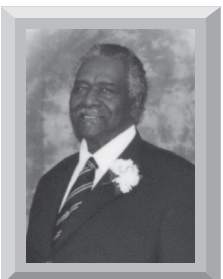
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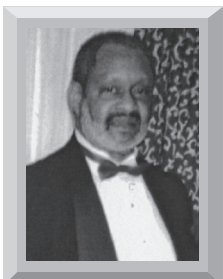
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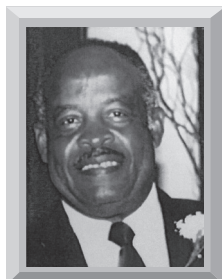
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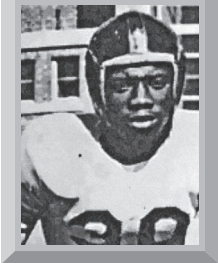
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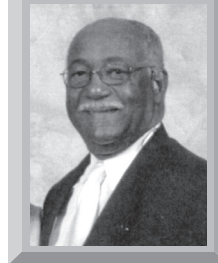
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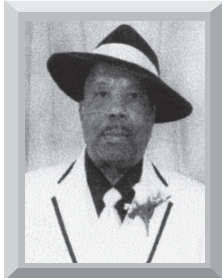
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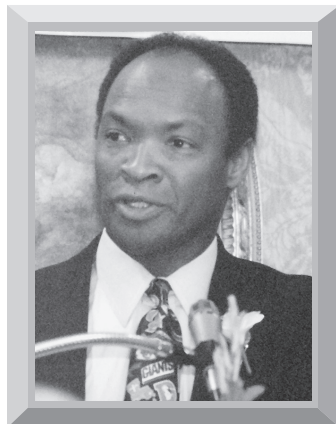
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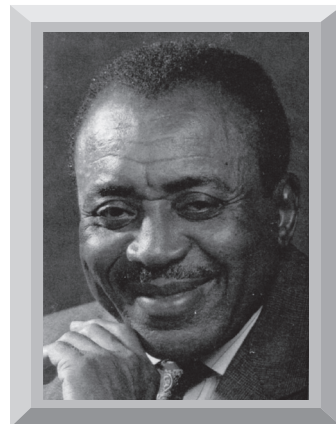
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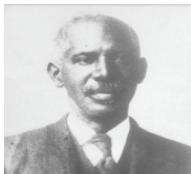
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Remembering The Historical Olde Black High Schools

Sterling High School: *The triumphant story of Greenville County's first black public high school*

By Ruth Ann Butler

The record of Sterling High School, Greenville County's first predominately Black high school, is that of struggle and triumph. It covers a period of nearly seventy-five years. The story of Sterling began in the early 1890's, when the Rev. D.M. Minus was appointed to the pastorate of John Wesley Church in Greenville, the beginning of a great work.



REV. D.M. MINUS

Rev. Minus was born in Colleton County, South Carolina, on June 15, 1848, of slave parents; his father was Elijah and his mother was Sarah Minus. The oldest of thirteen children, Minus was brought to Greenville to accomplish two things: (1) *John Wesley*

Church needed a new brick building; and (2) the children needed a high school in Greenville so they could prepare for life's duties without leaving their hometown.

Several churches in Greenville waited for Rev. Minus to establish the high school. Finally an educational association was organized. Each member was assessed a certain amount, an attorney was employed, and then a petition was presented to the Secretary of State asking for the privilege to establish such an institution.

After the charter was received from the Secretary of State in October of 1896, the trustees made arrangements with the officers of

John Wesley Church to open the school in the lecture room of the church. Rev. D.M. Minus was elected president of the new school called Greenville Academy.

It continued in the lecture room for two years, after which the school got too large for the room, and the trustees of the school bought the church. The church invested money from the sale to build their new brick building on Falls Street.

Finally in 1902, the trust-

ees decided to sell the church property on Silver Hill and purchase land for the school outside the city limits. Mr. B.M. McGee agreed to sell six acres of land, and Rev. Minus had to pay down a certain amount to secure the land until he could get the help and cooperation of the

trustees. Different individuals made donations. For example, Mr. James Maxwell gave \$5.00 to help meet the first payment. Rev. Minus suggested the names of other good and influential white men, who, he thought,

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A view of Sterling High School, as it existed in the 1960s.

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would accept a place on the board. Every man that he recommended accepted. Finally, he had seven of the best white businessmen in Greenville on his Board of Trustees. Minus said that these white men taught him more practical business sense than he ever had. Mr. James H. Maxwell was his endorser at the bank for twenty-five years. He assessed himself \$20.00 per year for the school and also had the black trustees assess themselves.

Mr. Thomas F. Parker made the largest donation to the school. He erected a splendid two-story building, which was worth \$2,500, and gave the school a fine mule at \$250. He also secured aid for the institution and had his bookkeeper teach Rev. Minus bookkeeping and how to balance the accounts of the institution each week. Additionally, he sent the president to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and a school in Durham, North Carolina, to see and study the methods of those great schools.

Mr. Parker also bought several acres of land around the school and divided it into lots and streets. He named the streets for the President and Founder of the school, and also

for the leading black men on the Board of Trustees. Today, these are Sterling, Middleton, Minus, Malloy, and Valentine Streets. Parker sold the property only to black people, and gave them five to ten years to pay for it; this created a complete town consisting entirely of blacks.

Mr. C.E. Graham was elected chairman of the finance committee. He donated \$100 to the school. For eight to 10 years he served as one of the white trustees of the school. Another influential trustee was Captain James F. Mackey. Recognized as one of the most useful members of the board of trustees, he not only gave his time and experience to this institution, but also his influence, his means, and his best talent to help make the school a success. Every year he donated \$25 to the institution.

Mr. T. O. Lawton, the youngest member of the board of trustees, was by no means the least. He donated \$10 to the school annually. Mr. T.P. Hayne was one of the most intelligent members of the board. For several years he was the secretary of the Board of Trustees for the City Graded Schools, and per-

haps was the most influential man on the board. Mr. W.G. Serrine, Attorney, also rendered priceless aid to the institution.

The black trustees were: Rev. D.M. Minus, President; Rev. J.B. Middleton, Chairman of the Board donated \$280; Rev. N.D. Maloy (\$150); Rev. W.G. Valentine (\$10); Mr. A.B. Davis (\$20); Mr. W.R. Sewell (\$10); Mr. T.J. Bryant (\$15); Mr. J.F. Cureton (\$5); Mr. J.W. Johnson (\$10); Mr. T.B. Simpson (\$10); Mr. A. Tolbert and Mr. Jones W. Thomas (\$20).

Several names were suggested for the school. But finally it was voted to call it Sterling Industrial College in honor of Mrs. E.R. Sterling of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the lady who paid for Rev. Minus's college education at Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Rev. Minus said, "Mrs. Sterling was a great woman and she deserved all of the honor we could bestow upon her for it will take eternity to tell the good she has accomplished for the uplift and elevation of suffering humanity." Mrs. Sterling was consulted and finally agreed to have the school named for her, and she gave the first

donation of \$75.00. At this time she was 87 years of age.

The original building was designed and constructed by Mr. W.R. "William" Sewell, one of Greenville's leading black contractors. Later, it was remodeled, with additions, and a building especially designed for trades was added to the plant.

With such worthy men as Rev. Minus's associates and co-workers, the institution continued to progress. Rev. D.M. Minus will always be remembered as the first founder and president.

Due to the school's growth, Rev. Minus was asked to give up his ministerial work and devote all his time to the school at a salary of \$50 per month. He did this until November, 1913, when he resigned the presidency and returned to ministerial work. He was succeeded by President Carey Jones. When he accepted another position, Sterling was forced to close for a short period.

In 1915, the Enoree River Bar-

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tist Association had bought four acres of land in the City of Greenville with a nine-room building, an orchard and city water. They changed the name to Enoree High School and the Rev. E.C. Murray became the president, with the Rev. E.E. Riley of Seneca, S.C. the first principal. It was a boarding school and had a very successful beginning. His successor, Professor E.H. Trezevant, was the principal in 1929. This school was operated for 14 years.

In 1929, when the School District of Greenville County purchased the building for \$2,518.39 and changed the name back to Sterling High School. Sterling was the first black public high school in the county. The board elected J.C. Martin as principal. He remained only one school term. In September, 1930, he was succeeded by Professor Robert L. Hickson, who caught the same vision as its founder. Under his 10-year leadership term, the reputation of the school was widely acclaimed, and the physical plant was expanded. The name Sterling High School became quite prominent throughout the country. During his

administration the famous Alma Mater was written.

From 1940 to 1960, Professor J.E. Beck from Georgetown, SC served as principal of Sterling. During his tenure, in 1949 the

grades were extended from 11 to 12 years. The curriculum was broadened to include many trade courses. An extensive physical education program and various branches of science and secretarial training were added. The Torch, Sterling's high school yearbook, was first published in 1942, and a newsletter, named The Pinta, would be added later. Sterling was admitted to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in 1953.

Going to the famous "Huddle" (Soda Shop) became the pastime after school for the students. The football games were played at Serrine Stadium, and all baseball games and track meets took place at the Meadowbrook Park.

Sterling, known as the Tigers, became classified as an "AAA" school and won many championships and awards in all areas of the educational system. The Male Glee Club and Quartet were active from



1941 Sterling High School Mid-term Graduation Class

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1935-1960, under the direction of Wilfred J. Walker, Sr. Singers from Sterling often won scholarships to college because of their talent.

In 1960, Rev. H.O. Mims became principal of Sterling. He was truly a home-grown product, having been a student, teacher, assistant principal, and then principal at the school. Under his leadership

Sterling continued to grow, and the County School Board voted to renovate the building in early September of 1967.

Unfortunately, disaster would strike

before this ever had a chance to occur. On Friday evening, September 15, 1967, the Sterling student body danced at a party sponsored by the Senior Class to raise money for the "Miss Homecoming" drive. At 10:40 p.m. the disc jockey from WHYZ announced this warning over the microphone, "An emergency has occurred. We urge each of you to leave the building quickly and calmly as possible."

Immediately, the students filed out of the building in an orderly and calm fashion, only to find their beloved Sterling had caught fire. Tears streaming down their faces, they watched the leaping flames engulf their school. Firemen from the Parker District fought desperately to extinguish the fire. They remained on the scene well into the next day and returned from time to time throughout the weekend.

The fire destroyed the entire physical plant, with the exception

of the gymnasium, which miraculously escaped major damage.

There were numerous pleas, petitions and even marches to encourage the Board to rebuild Sterling. In addition to telephone calls and personal appearances before officials of the Greenville County School District, over one thousand parents and students signed petitions asking to keep the student body intact. Moreover, four-fifths of the student body marched on the County office protesting any hint that they would be disbanded.

Finally, the Board of Trustees agreed to house students on an interim basis at Greenville Junior High on Westfield Street, naming it Sterling Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Luke Chatman became the principal in 1968. He was the last principal of Sterling High School.

On February 17, 1970, the School District of Greenville County was integrated, and at the end of this school year there was no longer a school named Sterling. The edifice was torn down except for the gym, which has since been converted into a recreational facility operated by the Greenville County Recreation Department.

A realistic portrayal of the development and growth of Sterling High School can be revealed only in an account depicting the diligent and faithful service of many dedicated teachers and the achievements and successes of the students who bring honor and glory to their Alma Mater.

Although the physical plant is gone, fond memories of our school that served generations still lingers in the hearts and minds of scores of people near and far. Sterling High School lives on, in those who walked its halls and benefited from the lessons taught within its walls. Meanwhile, with a large part of the

older black population of Greenville County continuing to identify with the site either as former students or graduates. Sterling High will continue to live on.

These are just some of the notable former Sterling students and teachers who have significantly impacted the Greenville community and beyond: Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.; Dr. Thomas Elliott Kerns; Wilfred Walker; Alberta Tucker Grimes; LTC Paul Adams; Lillian Brock-Flemming; Lottie Beal Gibson; Xanthe Norris; Theo Mitchell; Ralph Anderson; William "Billy" Thompson; Eskew Reeder, Jr. (a singer/

pianist who performed under the stage name "Esquerita"; The Dixie Hummingbirds (award-winning gospel ensemble); John Arthur Jones; Lloyd Walker and Dr. Charles Whittenberg.

Rev. Jackson, who graduated from Sterling in the 1950s, began working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the epicenter of the Civil Rights Movement. Jackson would later become an icon in his own right, establishing Operation Breadbasket in the early 1970s before relocating to Chicago, where he founded Operation P.U.S.H. and the Rainbow Coalition (now known as Rainbow/P.U.S.H.). Widely recognized as a negotiator, he also ran for the Presidency of the United States in 1984 and 1988, becoming the first African-American male to run for the nation's top office.

Dr. Kerns, a 1949 Sterling graduate who later taught social studies and French there, became the first African-American superintendent of the Greenville County School District. Dr. Kerns, who passed away this past November, served from 1989-1994. The district recently built an elementary school near I-85 and named the school for the longtime educator.

Mr. Walker, the school's oldest living staff member, taught masonry at Sterling; his tenure there was part of a remarkable career that saw him teach in the Greenville County School District for 40 years. Mrs. Grimes, a former biology teacher at Sterling, became the first African-American school counselor in Greenville County and went on to become the first full-time African-American counselor in the state. In 1965, she established the first Head Start Program in Greenville, and later

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was a founding member of the Greenville Urban League (currently The Urban League of the Upstate).

Others embarked upon careers in public service. Mrs. Gibson, a Sterling graduate, and Mrs. Norris, another former teacher, both serve on Greenville County Council. Mrs. Brock-Flemming, a Sterling graduate, has served on Greenville City Council since 1981. Mr. Mitchell, a former state Senator, became the first African-American to win the Democratic nomination for governor in 1990, while Mr. Anderson, a onetime City Councilman, currently serves in the South Carolina state Senate.

Mr. Thompson became an All-Pro defensive back in the National Football League, playing 11 seasons for the Denver Broncos and appearing in Super Bowl XII. In his rookie season (1969), he became the first professional player (AFL, which the Broncos were a part of at the time, or NFL) to lead the league in both kickoff returns and punt returns, establishing him as a special teams threat. Mr. Thompson, who lives in Aurora, Colo., works as the community relations liaison for the Broncos.

Through the years, the alumni and supporters of Sterling High School have worked hard to permanently ensure the legacy lives on. In 1988, the class of 1955—the first known class to form a combined class reunion—donated a monument and placed it on the site of Sterling High School. It lists the names of the principals of the school.

Another group of alumni and supporters, identified as the "Friends of Sterling," pushed hard to have a second monument erected in memory of the school's 74 years of existence. This one, located at the corner of North Main and West Washington streets in downtown Greenville (the former site of the old Woolworth's drug store), would take shape in the form of a sculpture that recognized the school's contributions to the West Greenville and Upstate communities.

Created by Camden-based sculptor Maria Kirby-Smith, the sculpture, titled "Raise High the Torch of Sterling," consists of two stu-

dents, one male and one female, descending down a set of steps, the male student sporting a sweater with an "S" emblazoned on the front.

On a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon, those dreams were finally realized. The sculpture was dedicated on Nov. 19, 2006 in an emotional ceremony, which took place

at the statue site. A reception was held at the Westin Poinsett Hotel on South Main Street immediately following the ceremony.

Finally, Sterling was officially designated for inclusion in the registry as a historical landmark. The new marker, which will sit on the corner of Calhoun and Pendleton

streets, was unveiled in a ceremony held January 21 at the old Sterling High gymnasium on Minus Street.

Ruth Ann Butler, an alumna of Sterling, is president and founder of the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center. **Wanda Stokes** provided additional information for this article.

Prestigious Historical Olde Black High School

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In our African-American Legacy & Culture Special Edition, titled *Honoring, Remembering and Celebrating "African-American Legacy and Culture" and the Accomplishments of "The Historical Olde Black High Schools,"* **The Upstate Citizen-Advocate** pays special tribute in honor of the Olde Black High School's history and its role in changing the lives of the people of our community. **The Upstate Citizen-Advocate** would like to thank the former students, teachers, staff members, principals and all employees, and the parents, grandparents and descendants of The Olde Black High Schools.

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Our hopes reach high up to the sky.
The more we think of you it's true,
We bring to you, all our love.
And as we stand before thy doors,
Sons and daughters arms unfold;
To welcome those who have not told,
That our hearts are made of gold.
Oh Bryson High, Dear Bryson High,
We'll love thee more as days go by.
And as the years go passing by
Your memories will never die.*

*Sterling High School, Sterling High School
Sterling High School, Bless her name!
Whether in defeat or victory.
We are loyal just the same;
So we'll cheer for Sterling High School,
And for her we'll fight for fame
And we'll sing her praises loud in every land
Sterling High School, Bless her name!*

*From the hills of the Blue Ridge
To the waves across the sea,
Let us hold aloft thy banner,
And proudly sing of thee.
Let us keep the spirit glowing
Throughout eternity;
May thy sons be ever loyal
And stand for liberty.
Let us greet the Green and Gold
With a strong and cordial cheer,
May our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.
As we stand here at thy portals,
In our hearts the echoes dwell;
It's ever onward forward
From the school we love so well.
Though thy walls are gray and hoary
And our stories are so old,
We will cherish every memory
Of our colors green and gold.
Yes we love our Alma Mater,
Dear old Lincoln is so true.
Thou shalt dwell within our memory
As we love to think of Thee.
We have roamed these hills together
While our hearts were young and free
And as life goes on forever,
We shall always think of thee.*

*As we stand here at your portals,
Dear J. E. Beck High.
Singing loud your hymns of praises
Till they reach the sky.
Hail O Hail dear J. E. Beck High,
Hear the echoes ring;
Hail to thee our alma mater,
Hail O Hail we sing.
As we go along life's byways
We'll always be true;
Heart and mind will always cherish
Fond memories of you.*

*Washington, dear Washington
the pride of all our hearts
Washington dear Washington
to thee we'll never part
we will love and cherish thee
as long as we shall live
so, give three cheers to our dear
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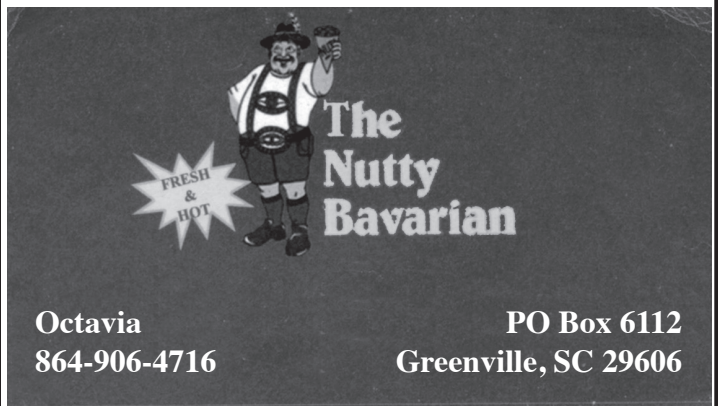
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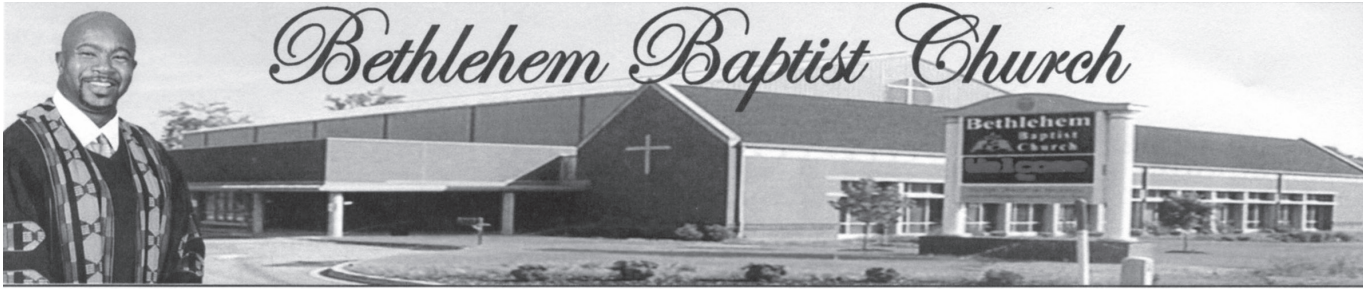
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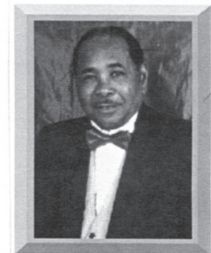
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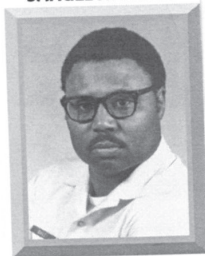
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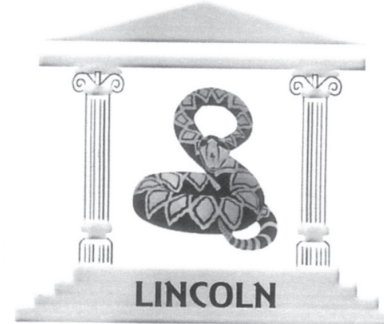
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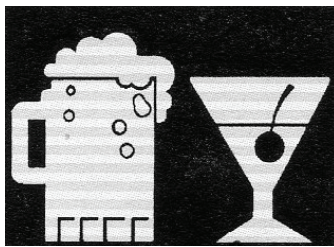


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