



Brother Henry Reeves

November 21st, 1953 Miami Times excerpt:

****Among other things, Soror Shannon wrote:**

"Often wondered what would happen if the Phi Beta Sigmas would recall days gone by and retrench for a "frat" house. It happened once, how about it Frater H. E. S Reeves ???."

Well it did happen in the roaring twenties when Rho Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma was really active. The frat house was at the property on 13th st. near Sixth ave, then owned by Frater Kelsey Pharr. I recall Frater Duckett who was responsible for keeping cold drinks on hand daily. On every Thursday evening a member entertained and we really had swell times.

-Brother Henry Reeves, Founder of the Miami Times-

Interesting Facts About Brother Henry Reeves

1882-1970

Early 1900s: Bro. Henry Reeves had an apprenticeship position at The Nassau Guardian which is one of Nassau's largest publications.

-Brother Reeves had planned to travel to New York via Miami to purchase products to establish his own printing business; however, a few of his associates convinced him to start a paper in Miami.

1923: Brother Reeves published the first issue of the Miami Times--the black community, in South Florida, would finally have a voice in the media.

1925: Brother Reeves became a Charter Member of the Rho Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

-He was a Chairman and a member of the Christian Hospital Board of Directors. (Christian Hospital was the segregated hospital for blacks in South Florida).

1946: Brother Reeves became a perpetual Deacon at St. Agnes Church—there, he would assist the priest until 1954. Later on, he transferred his membership to the Church of Incarnation—there, he was assistant to the minister.

*****“A Most cherished boast of publisher Reeves was that in all the intervening years of the publication, through hurricanes, depressions, paper shortages....and other interruptions, The Miami Times arrived every week on schedule.”***

8 Miamians Listed In Who's Who

YONKERS, N.Y.—Eight Miami residents are listed in the 7th edition of "Who's Who in Colored America" the illustrated biographical directory of notable living Americans of African descent, published today, according to announcement by Christian E. Burckel and Associates, publishers, Yonkers, N.Y.

The book, 664 pages, contains 3,200 biographical sketches and 640 photographs. In addition to the 8 local people, 51 other Floridians are listed. There is also a table showing what kind of work or profession each person is engaged in.

Each listing includes the date and place of birth; parents and marital status; training experience and present occupation; publications, if any; religious and political affiliation, and the outstanding contributions of the person described.

"It is not presumed however,"

according to G. James Fleming, editor, "that the book contains all the best persons or everything about such persons. Rather, it is representative of the persons who are in pivotal positions, those who are making a contribution to com-

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munity and nation, those who are pioneering in new fields; and, in general, those about whom other persons of affairs may occasionally want to know."

Fleming deplored the fact that some few persons, well qualified for "Who's Who in Colored America" did not submit the necessary data.

Those listed from Miami are:

M. I. Bannerman, YMCA, exec. sec., 340 NW 13th St.

Mrs. A. M. Coleman, music teacher, 2057 NW 6th court.

Rev. T. R. Gibson, clergyman, Christ Episcopal Church, 3481 Hibiscus St.

Capt. S. F. Harris, Army Nurse Corps Reserve, 1026 NW 2nd ave.

Miss Z. N. Hurston, author, 1622 NW 63rd st.

H. E. S. Reeves, editor, 1112 NW 3rd ave.

S. R. Solomon, mortician, Box 6175 Station B.

Mrs. M. E. Williams, teacher, B. T. Washington High School.

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Brother Henry Reeves with the first Executive Secretary of the Carver Branch of the YMCA, Mr. Manatee I. Bannerman. At one point, Brother Reeves became Chairman of the Carver Branch of the YMCA which means that he was a positive role model and mentor to hundreds of young black men and boys around the South Florida area.



Garth Reeves Sr. and his father, Henry, in the 1940s. Henry Reeves started The Miami Times in 1923.

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