

SAMUEL



Birth: 1858

Place: Brunswick County, Virginia

Death: Sunday, October 12, 1941

Place: Greenville County, Virginia

A Brief History

Samuel Harrison, also known as Sam Harrison, was born about 1858 in Brunswick County, Virginia. Samuel would grow up on the small Harrison Farm in rural Ante, Brunswick County, Virginia with his siblings John, James, Benjamin, Sallie and Richard.

Samuel Harrison married Hester Stewart on Thursday, February 15, 1883, in Greenville County, Virginia. Hester's parents were Guy Powell and Mary

Samuel and Hester resided in the Hicksford District of Greenville County, Virginia. Greenville County was formed in 1781. Hicksford, the first community in Greenville County, was developed where the Fort Road (known today as the Dry Bread Road) connecting eastern Virginia to Fort Christianna (in Brunswick County) crossed the Meherrin River. The town of Emporia was centrally located in Greenville County and was designated as the county seat when the county government was created in 1781.

Samuel and Hester's children were James O. Harrison, Thomas Harrison, John Mercer Langston Harrison, Annie Celestine Harrison-High, Garland Harrison, Samuel Harrison, Jr., Bessie Harrison-Pair, Mary Harrison-Freeman, Percy Harrison, Hester Harrison-Jordan, Hattie Harrison-Major, George Harrison, and Elma G. Harrison-Jefferson.

THE CHILDREN

During my research of the 1900-1950 census, I discovered that most of Samuel



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and Hester's children married and relocated to the North. This period, particularly the 1920s and 1930s, saw significant industrial growth for African Americans. The Great Migration, coupled with the demand for industrial workers during World War I, drove this growth. As a result, many African Americans secured employment in various industries, including steel, automotive, shipbuilding, meatpacking, and construction.

According to the US Federal Census, Thomas was found in the Brooklyn, New York census, his occupation was a Blaster in the subway construction industry. John Mercer Langston was found in the Detroit, Michigan census, his occupation was a Janitor for in the Apartment Housing industry. Garland was found in the Brooklyn, New York census, his occupation was a Driller in the foundation construction industry. Samuel, Jr. was found in the Hicksford, Greenville County, Virginia census, his occupation was a Farmer working on his own account. George was found in the Hicksford, Greenville County, Virginia census, his occupation was a Laborer working on his family farm.

James O. Harrison information is being researched.

Thomas Harrison married 1st wife Ella Humble on Saturday, March 5, 1887 in Skippers, Greenville County, Virginia. Ella's birthplace was Virginia. Thomas later married 2nd wife Edna, her birthplace was listed as Connecticut.

John Mercer Langston Harrison, also known by the name Langston Harrison, was named after the first U.S. Representative

from Virginia of color. Langston Harrison married France Maude Page.

Annie Celestine Harrison, also known as Celestine Harrison, married John L. High on Thursday, December 22, 1892, in Greenville County, Virginia. John's parents were Esquire High and Annie Collum-High.

Garland Harrison married Annie Vincent. Garland and Annie resided in Brooklyn, New York.

Samuel Harrison, Jr. married Ellen Maude Barrett on Monday, July 9, 1934 in Greenville County, Virginia. Ellen Maude's parents were William Barrett and Mollie Carpenter-Barrett.

Bessie Harrison married Mannie Pair in Greenville County, Virginia. Mannie's parents were Howard Pair and Cherry Lundy-Pair.

Mary Harrison married Corliss Freeman on Saturday June 2, 1900, in Greenville County, Virginia. Corliss' parents were Lee Freeman and Nellie Cook-Freeman.

Percy Harrison information is being researched.

Hester Harrison married Arklin Jordan on Friday, February 14, 1908 in Greenville County, Virginia

Hattie M. Harrison married Maurice Major on Wednesday, April 17, 1985 in Norwalk, Connecticut.

George Harrison married Hattie Moore on Monday, January 17, 1938, in Emporia, Virginia. Hattie's parents were John Henry Moore and Lizzie Green-Moore.

Elma G. Harrison married ??? Jefferson on Friday, August 12, 1910 in Greenville County, Virginia.



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THE GRANDCHILDREN

- James O. Harrison
 - **Researching**
- Thomas E. Harrison
 - **Thomas E. Harrison, Jr.**
- John Mercer Langston Harrison
 - **Juanita Celestine Harrison**
 - **Revella F. Harrison**
-Bannister
- Annie Celestine Harrison-High
 - **Researching**
- Garland Harrison
 - **Otis Astor Harrison**
- Samuel Harrison, Jr.
 - **Frank Harrison**
 - **Leon L. Harrison**
 - **Vivian Harrison-Epps**
 - **Gloria Harrison-Peebles**
 - **Shirley Harrison-Crump**
- Bessie Harrison-Pair
 - **Samuel Pair**
 - **Ana Lorraine Pair**
 - **Bailey Pair**
 - **Mannie Pair, Jr.**
 - **Elma Pair**
 - **Chestina Pair-Gillis**
 - **John Pair**
 - **Edna Veola Pair-Young**
 - **Hester Pair-Pleasants**
 - **George Howard Pair**
- Mary Harrison-Freeman
 - **Researching**
- Percy Harrison
 - **Researching**
- Hester Harrison-Jordan
 - **Ronald Long**
 - **Thomas Pair**
 - **Mildren Laidler**
- Hattie Harrison-Major
 - **Researching**
- George Harrison
 - **Researching**

- Elma G. Harrison-Jefferson
 - **Researching**