

# Q News

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## Greetings, Quander Family!

Happy Spring! We're looking forward to everything that comes with this new season, including warm days and family reunion planning.

The 99th Quander Family Reunion will be held in the DC/MD area from Friday, August 9 through August 11, 2024. More info has been provided in this newsletter.

As always, if you have questions, or any useful/informative/fun things to share, please submit via email to: [quanderersunitedinc@gmail.com](mailto:quanderersunitedinc@gmail.com).

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

*Quanders United*

Submissions for the next newsletter are due

June 2, 2024

Send to: [QuandersUnitedInc@gmail.com](mailto:QuandersUnitedInc@gmail.com)  
(pictures, announcements, stories, recipes, etc.)

\*\*Article word count should not exceed 400 or it may be subject to edit to conserve space.\*\*

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## Announcements

### **Fraternal Anniversary Announcement**

On February 21, 2024, Quander-Sands Descendants Shakhan King and Keith Hayes will celebrate their 26th Anniversary as members of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. Beta Eta Chapter, University of Cincinnati. Shakhan and Keith are siblings and the 2x Great Grandsons of Marguerite Quander-Sands from the Ohio-PA lineage. *(Pic 1)*

### **The Birth of Maison Reedy-Dixon**

On December 22, 2023, Cousin Alicia Reedy and Malik Dixon-Coates, welcomed a baby girl, Maison Reedy-Dixon.

### **The Passing of Nancy Quander**

*Submitted by her daughter, Dr. Linda Quander-Sharpe*

Nancy Quander died on December 15, 2023. She was the beloved widow of Richard Quander. She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Linda Quander-Sharpe. She was a passionate, award-winning educator. Her contributions to the field of education were recognized by community leaders, professional associations, and public officials in the State of Maryland and nationally including the United States Congress.

Nancy Quander was also a beloved member of her own historic family, the Lomax family of Virginia. She was a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and worked diligently for decades to support their public service initiatives. Always supportive of her daughter's post-doctoral opportunities, she traveled to foreign countries and attended numerous conferences and special events with her.

Services were held on December 28, 2023, at Saint Augustine Catholic Church, founded in 1858 in Washington, D.C. The Washington D.C. Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta held its Omega Omega Service before the Mass of Christian Burial. The interment was at the Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Maryland. *(Pic 2)*

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### **Jemel Quander Morris Completes Nursing School**

Jemel Quander Morris has successfully completed nursing school. Please pray for him as he prepares to sit for his state boards. Jemel is following in his mother's footsteps (Jennell Quander Mitchell) and also his grandmother (Pastor Joan Mitchell). *(Pic 3)*

### **A Film about Forgotten Black History Maker**

Sandra Rattley released her latest film in February 2024. It's a 22-minute documentary short about Harlem Renaissance sculptor and shero, Augusta Savage. You can watch it for free [here](#).

### **100th Quander Family Reunion Photo Display**

The 100th Reunion planning has begun, and the committee is collecting family photographs for a photo display. Photo submissions may consist of an individual, multiple individual settings, and special events; just be mindful that the photographs are appropriate for public viewing. The committee asks that you provide the name of the individuals in the photographs and if known, indicate what event the photograph represents. The recommended photo file attachment is PDF, PNG, or JPEG.

If you would like to include your family photographs in the display, please email them to Kelci Reedy by May 31, 2025. The photograph submittal per person limit is five (5) photographs.

Email: [kelci.reedy@gmail.com](mailto:kelci.reedy@gmail.com)

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## Announcements (cont.)

### **Alicia Reedy Featured on Good Morning Washington**

Alicia Reedy, the founder of The MonAlicia Bakes, was a special guest on Good Morning Washington to share some of the flavors she announced for Valentine's Day. \*These flavors\* are still available. View the segment online [here](#). (Pic 4)

### **Mary Jo Blair Featured in WUSA 9 Segment**

Mary Jo Blair was featured in the Daughters of Deanwood segment on WUSA 9. Deanwood is Washington, D.C.'s oldest African American community. View it online [here](#).

### **Devin Reedy's Art Featured in AACPS Senior Art Exhibit**

Devin Reedy is one of four seniors from her high school featured in the Anne Arundel County Senior Art Exhibit at Maryland Hall. The theme of this exhibit is "Belonging, and it is in the Earl and Martino galleries. The exhibit is open to the public until May 15, 2024. Free entry.

801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD 21401  
(Pic 5)

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### March

March 1 - Travia Stone, Kenneth Quander  
March 4 - Jamal Quander  
March 8 - Devin Reedy  
March 10 - Clarence Quander, Jr., Melonie Miles  
March 13 - Kristina Quander, Seneca Dixon Gonzalez, Reina Quander  
March 16 - Ronald Quander, Skyy Mitchell  
March 22 - Alton Wilson III  
March 30 - Wanda Tobias  
March 31 - Shariff R. Idrees-Quander

### April

April 2 - Mark Ward, Sr.  
April 3 - Bryan Redmond  
April 7 - Larryl Matthews, Le Shaun Quander-Mosley, Deirdre Smith Banks  
April 8 - Erin Katz  
April 10 - Eric Quander  
April 12 - Michael R. Quander, Sr.; Rosalyn & Jonathan Hillary's Anniversary  
April 13 - Eric Blair  
April 14 - Jewell Quander-Miles  
April 16 - Robert Jenkins  
April 19 - Kathy Wages

April 23 - Samantha Quander-Mosley, Dana Quander

April 25 - Keandra Bell-Landa

April 27 - Cecelia Quander

April 29 - Lorraine Taylor, Candas Barnes

April 30 - Robin Quander Tellez

### May

May 3 - Eric Alonzo Quander

May 5 - Kyle Francois

May 6 - Dylan Bennett

May 8 - Kelci Reedy

May 10 - Anthony "Tony" Grimes

May 12 - Michele Quander

May 13 - Justin Rhodes, Jemel Quander Morris

May 14 - Jacquelyn Allen-Whitehead

May 16 - Tahjai Ward-Frazier, Tyler Reedy-Bryan

May 21 - Rose Quander Neverdon

May 24 - Michael Grimes, Christine Dailey

May 26 - Jasmine Quander

May 27 - Ronnie Williams

May 29 - Robert Taylor

May 30 - Janyce Bryant

## A Bahamian Poem Submitted by Shakhan King

### God Spare Life

There is a saying the Bahamians use - God Spare Life. It means God willing, or with Gods blessings. In the Bahamas, whenever they speak of the future, they tag on "God Spare Life" ...meaning if it's in God's will, this will occur. God Spare Life. Every day we are here because God spared life, our life. He gave us another day to breathe, another day to live, another day to shine his light. Today, God Spare Life - Today! It makes me ponder, if today God Spare Life, what will I do with it? He gave me a gift, he spared me today - why? What does He expect me to do with this day? Where will He use me? Where can I show His light and to whom?

### On Belay

On Belay means, I am trusting you are holding tight to the safety line and I am climbing on/risking the climb. Every day I trust God is holding me tight.

I trust Him and move forward where He leads me, Knowing He Has Me, So the risk is not too great. God has the ropes.

So now I think, "On Belay, God Spare Life"

- Unknown

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In Memoriam



Anthony Quander



Carolyn Jeffries  
Branch



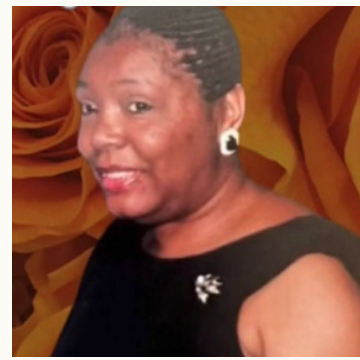
John "Duck" Ware,  
Sr.



Michael Louis  
Jeffries



Nancy Coles  
Quander



Joyce M. Quander

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## Board Updates

### **Life Membership**

When our Constitution and Bylaws were updated, one of the newest additions was the Life Membership. Life Members are members of the Quander Family who have served on the Board of Directors or committees, participated in family events and gatherings regularly, and have reached the age of 70 years. Read CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III, Section 4 to learn more about Life Membership.

Life Membership had been paused until the Board agreed on a process, which has since passed. Interested, eligible members must submit a request. You can submit a request via email or snail mail between June 1 and September 1 each year. Example: It's 2024. You must apply (if you fit the criteria) between June 1, 2024, and September 1, 2024. If accepted, the member would start their Life Membership on February 1, 2025. If one's Life Membership application is not accepted, they may reapply during the submission period the following year. Example: If you apply in 2024 for a 2025 Life Membership, you will not be able to re-apply until June 1, 2025.

### Application Requirements

Submit a formal request via email, online form, or snail mail. Members may also nominate other members for Life Membership via the same methods. Items to be included in the formal request: full name, birthdate, contact information for the candidate, and a list of their contributions to Quanders United. This information will be an important part of the review by the Board of Directors. If the applicant has documented proof of the items listed in their request, they are welcome to send them via attachment to their email or USPS to Quanders United.

## 2023-25 Board Members

### **President**

Michelle Grimes

### **Vice President**

Jamila Stone

### **Recording Secretary**

Kelci Reedy

### **Treasurer**

Larryl Matthews

### **Financial Secretary**

Sharon Peters-Martin

### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

William Q. Taylor

### **Chaplain**

Gina Blair

### **At-Large Board Members**

Pamela Gill

Shakhan King

### **Archivist**

Le Shaun Quander-Mosley

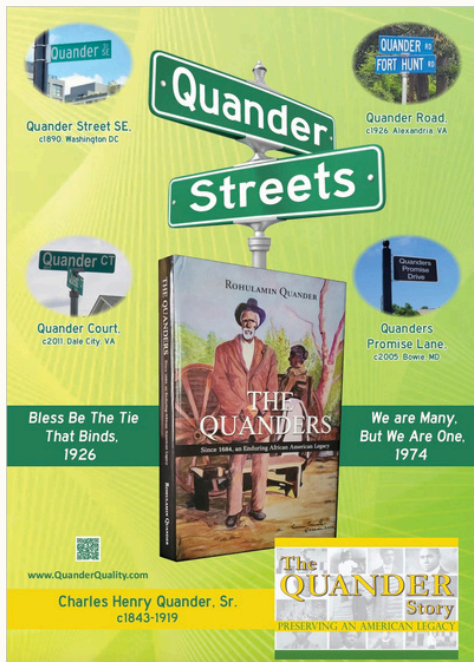
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# A Brief History of Quander Place (Street/Alley), c. 1890

## A Southeast Washington, D.C. Historic Site

### (The first Quander Street location)

Submitted by Rohulamin Quander



The sustained presence and historical contributions of the Quander family have been collectively and individually recognized on local, national, and international levels. Presently, there are four streets named “Quander,” namely, Quander Street in Washington, D.C. (c. 1890); Quander Road in Fairfax County (c. 1926); Quander Court in Prince William County (2011), both in Virginia; and Quander Promise Lane (c. 2005) in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

From about 1890, until 1942, Julia Quander, a grocer and laundress, lived at 109 Quander Place, along with Frank and Harry Quander and other family members. The site occupied a portion of Square 743, Lot 23, bounded on the north by M Street, on the south by N Street, on the west by

First Street, and on the east by New Jersey Avenue. It was located in the historic district that is immediately adjacent to the old Washington Navy Yard.

Various referred to in the records as “Street,” “Place,” and “Alley,” the original site of Quander Street is historically significant for several reasons. First, there is a likelihood that a portion of Square 743 served as a Nacochtanke Native American village.

Second, at its southeast corner, Square 743 bordered on the famous Washington Canal, erected between 1809 and 1815, by Thomas Law (the Law House) and Daniel Carroll, the first commissioner for the newly created District of Columbia and owner of Carrollsburg Square, and others.

Third, it is on this site of the August 1814 Battle of Washington, during the latter part of the War of 1812, where British naval vessels penetrated American defenses and sailed into the Eastern Branch (the Anacostia River), just south of where Quander Place was later located. Afterward, British troops took up temporary residence, including on the later-to-be-named Quander site.

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**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**99th Quander Family Reunion**

**Friday, August 9 - Sunday, August 11,  
2024**

**Hosted by the D.C. / MD Branch**

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## 99th Reunion Information

The 99th Quander Family Reunion will be here before you know it! This year, it will start on Friday, August 9, and end on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

Friday - Meet & Greet

Saturday - Cookout

Sunday - details to come

The registration form is available online [here](#). **Please submit this form no later than July 7, 2024.** If you know someone who uses email and has not received this registration form, please forward the link or ask them to email [quandersunitedinc@gmail.com](mailto:quandersunitedinc@gmail.com). If you know someone who does not use email, please share this information with them.

### Pricing

Early Bird - Whole weekend - until 5/11/2024 Ages 13-74 - \$50

Regular - Whole weekend

Ages 13-74 - \$60

Ages 7-12 & 75+ - \$30

Ages 6 and under - FREE

**1 T-shirt per ticket and is included for Whole Weekend tickets ONLY.**

Saturday ONLY

Ages 7 and up - \$35

Ages 6 and under - FREE

T-shirt ONLY - \$15 (Sizes S - 3X)

Maryland Bus Tour (Add-on) - details will be sent soon

**For the Early Bird Special, the full amount must be paid by Saturday, May 11, 2024. For regular prices, the full amount must be paid by July 7, 2024. Payment plan available upon request. Tickets are nonrefundable. However, they are transferable.**

### Payment Info

May be paid by

Check/money order - Larryl Matthews, Treasurer

3850 Carpenter Street, SE

Washington, D.C. 20020

PayPal - [QuandersFinance@gmail.com](mailto:QuandersFinance@gmail.com)

CashApp - \$QuanderFamily (include a note that says "Reunion" with your first and last name)

### Hotel Information

Hilton DoubleTree

\$149/night + taxes/fees (book by 7/8/2024)

Address: 9100 Basil Court, Largo, MD

Amenities: indoor pool, fitness center, connecting rooms available, on-site restaurant, Wi-Fi

*Book the Hilton DoubleTree [here](#).*

Hampton Inn

\$159 for Friday night; \$209 for Saturday night (book by 7/10/2024)

Address: 2901 Campus Way N, Glenarden, MD 20706

Amenities: Indoor pool, fitness center, connecting rooms available, free hot breakfast, Wi-Fi

*Book the Hampton Inn [here](#).*

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## History "Quanders Sold South" Submitted by Shakhan King

We have identified 8 Quander ancestors who were "Sold South" from Alexandria to New Orleans between 1829 and 1845.

Ancestor Lawrence Quander would obtain his freedom by 1850. In December 1864, Lawrence was acknowledged by President Abraham Lincoln for his Emancipation efforts in New Orleans. Attached are 2 Lawrence Quander newspaper articles.

### **Lawrence Quander**

Ht: 5'10  
Age: 25  
Arrival date: November 6, 1835  
Slave Trader: Buckner Stanton

### **Daniel Quander**

Born: 1805, Alexandria, VA  
Ht: 5' 2 3/4  
Age: 24  
Arrival date: December 24, 1829  
Slave Trader: Franklin and Armfield

### **Maria Quander**

Ht: 5'3  
Age: 26  
Arrival date: November 6, 1835  
Slave Trader: Buckner Stanton

### **Ellen Quander**

Ht: Infant  
Age: 9 months  
Arrival date: November 6, 1835  
Slave Trader: Buckner Stanton

### **Caroline Quander**

Ht: 3' 5  
Age: 6  
Arrival date: November 6, 1835  
Slave Trader: Buckner Stanton

### **Eliza Quander, Cargo #17**

Ht: 5'0  
Age: 18  
Arrival date: April 3, 1832  
Slave traders: Franklin and Armfield

### **Charles Quander**

Age: 23  
Ship: Victorian  
Slave Trader: Joseph S. Donovan  
Ship date: September 29, 1845

### **Nathan Quander**

Age: 18  
Ship: Kirkwood  
Slave Trader: Hope Hull Slatter  
Ship date: October 16, 1845

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## African American Advisory Council Established Submitted by Rohulamin Quander

On July 4, 2026, our nation will observe its 250th anniversary, a semi-quincentennial. In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly created [The Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission](#) (VA250) and charged it with the responsibility of planning and executing a Virginia statewide commemoration of the creation of the state that will be both meaningful and significant to all Virginians. Recognizing that the Colony of Virginia, later one of the major original states from the nation's founding in 1776, among the stated purposes for the creation of the Commission is for the state to become integral in this national milestone and opportunity to come together as a more unified United States of America, in reflection and dedication to the ongoing work to form a more perfect union.

To assist VA250 in focusing on the African American role and input into Virginia history, an African American Advisory Council has been established. Among the appointed Advisory Council members is Rohulamin Quander who, although not a resident of the State of Virginia, is noted for his work in documenting the extensive and unique history of the Quander Family in the Greater Washington, DC area. The family's historical sustained presence lends credibility and value to the stated purpose for creating the Council. Commitment to planning and executing a commemoration that offers multiple perspectives and acknowledgment of Virginia's history is a complex undertaking.

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Senate of Virginia, District 2, has taken the lead to

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### Upcoming Events

- General Membership Meeting (Zoom) - Saturday, June 1 2024, 10:00 AM - 12 PM
- June Board Meeting (Zoom) - June 5, 2024, 7 PM - 8 PM
- 99th Quander Family Reunion - August 9-11, 2024

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A Southeast Washington, D.C. Historic Site  
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In April 1942, Square 743 was acquired by the U.S. Navy to expand the Washington Navy Yard during the World War II effort. Quander Place and Van Street were abolished without fanfare or any consideration for retaining the Quander name at a nearby location. All of the buildings were razed to make space to construct the initial Building 213, the National Cartographic Center, which was completed on the site in 1944, which building was subsequently torn down, in part for Metro construction and likewise for new development.

The archaeological excavation of the site in the 1980s revealed the types of foods that the Quander Place residents ate, as distinguished from their more affluent white neighbors on the facing streets, and, when compared with other excavation results from in and about the facing streets, demonstrated differences in eating habits between the races.

In the historic value Eligibility Report, written at the time of the excavation, it was stated: *The archaeological resources at the Quander Alley site are significant primarily because they can provide information about the quality of life that existed in an urban alley environment in the District of Columbia during the later 19th and early 20th centuries. Historical information indicates that the deposits on the site are reflective of black, working-class households.*

Helen Douglas Hawkins (b. 1918) and Betty Douglas Anderson (b. 1920), sisters, and former residents of 158 and 133 Quander Place were interviewed by Rohulamin Quander concerning the history of Quander Place. They provided details of their family life on Quander Place between 1932 and 1942, including the physical appearance of the houses in the block; the lack of indoor plumbing, central heating, or electricity the entire time they resided in their two houses; unpaved streets and sidewalks; economic, education, and employment status of the residents; religious and community life; low crime; mostly white owners and all black residents. They recalled Julia Quander, who resided in the only brick house in the block, collecting the rent for several of the white owners, and the sense of family shared among all of the residents of the block.

A poster of the four Quander Streets can be obtained by contacting Rohulamin Quander at Email: [Rquander@aol.com](mailto:Rquander@aol.com) or 202-487-9922.

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## African American Advisory Council Established (Continued)

convene and chair the VA250 African American Advisory Council, comprised of a select group of thought leaders and advisors to serve with her and work to capture their vast knowledge and produce a commemoration that resonates throughout the Commonwealth and in which all Virginians will find a place.

The first meeting of the Advisory Council convened on January 5, 2024, in the General Assembly Building, Richmond, Virginia, to initiate planning many large-scale events and exhibitions over the next three years and beyond. The issues discussed and included were: 1) What lessons can we learn from previous commemorations?;

2) How do we make the celebration meaningful to all Virginians?; 3) What would we like to see occur during the commemoration to highlight African American history and culture as an integral component of Virginia history at every stage of the state's existence?; and 4) What under-told and likewise under-known stories of African American history should be highlighted state-wide?

As an appointed member of the Advisory Council, Cousin Rohulamin solicits inquiries and input from Quander Family members, so that he can present it to the Council for consideration and possible inclusion in the forthcoming celebration

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Thank you for reading!

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