

Quander News

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Hi, Quander Family!

Welcome to the summer edition of our quarterly newsletter. This issue also has usual things like birthdays, announcements, and articles submitted by family members. In this issue, we are honoring and highlighting Quander family members who have been and are currently teachers and professors.

Our family reunion is on the horizon. We're looking forward to seeing you all in August! Remember to buy your tickets no later than July 7th.

If you have questions, fun things to share, or suggestions, please submit via email to: quanderersunitedinc@gmail.com. Please share this newsletter with other family members. Enjoy!

Submissions for the next newsletter are due
August 17, 2024
Send to: 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.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Announcements & Birthdays

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Announcements

Get Down 2 BUSINESS SHOW

LaTasha Ward has a weekly show that showcases local businesses call. Get Down 2 BUSINESS SHOW Live and pre-recorded options every Wednesday at 7 PM.

Do you own a business? Looking to elevate your business to new heights? Don't wait any longer! Let's dive in! Discover how your business can take the spotlight on this weekly show. Contact via phone at 240-614-0414. Let's make your story heard!



Vanessa Blair Lewis Receives Collegiate Coach of the Year

Vanessa Blair Lewis (left) was honored by the Pigskin Club of Washington. She received Collegiate Coach of the Year award. Vanessa is the Head Coach of Women's Basketball at George Mason University,



Samantha Quander-Mosley Graduates, Starts Masters/PhD Program

Samantha Quander-Mosley Graduates, Soon Starting Masters/PhD Program
Samantha M. Quander-Mosley graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park A. James Clark School of Engineering with a BS in BioEngineering in May 2023. She was awarded first place out of hundreds of senior capstone engineering projects, selected to deliver the senior address at graduation, received a faculty appointment to a University bioengineering laboratory, and was accepted to the Masters/PhD program in BioEngineering at the University of Maryland, College Park to start this fall 2024. Congratulations, Majerle!



Samantha M. Quander-Mosley is the daughter of Samuel and Le Shaun P. Quander-Mosley, of Samuel and Le Shaun P. Quander-Mosley, granddaughter of Clarence C., Jr. and the late Phyllis L. Quander, great-granddaughter of Clarence C., Sr. and Helen K. Quander, great-great-granddaughter of Clarence A. and Jennie Quander, 3x-great-granddaughter of Charles and Lucinda Quander.

2025 Life Membership Application

Hello. The Quanders United Life Membership application is officially open! People who qualify to apply for Life Membership 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. Also, other members may nominate people for Life Membership. Please read the attached document in full.

Submit this application form **by September 1, 2024**, at 11:59 EST: <https://forms.gle/3ttZYcZyw3AY12CB9>. You may also submit this form via USPS to Kelci Reedy at 2045 Astilbe Way, Odenton, MD 21113. Any documentation you'd like to submit to support your application can be sent via email or USPS.

Contact quandersunitedinc@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

LaTasha Ward Inducted into Fairmont Heights High School's Hall of Fame



LaTasha Ward (pictured, middle) was inducted into Fairmont Heights High School's 1st Athletic Hall of Fame on June 1, 2024 along with her FHHS Girls Basketball teammates from school year 1983-1984.

The 1984 Championship teammates includes LaTasha Ward (1986), Stephanie Carter Beasley (1984), PR Pam Jackson (1986), Sheree Jennings (1986) Sharae Jones (1984), Marketa Kelly (1985), Twana Lashley (1984), Tonya Brown Mayo (1986), Yvette Scott (1986), Karen Sterling (1985), and Patrice Frazier Watson (1985). Coach Joan Rothgeb for being inducted as a coach. Congratulations, Hornets!

LaTasha Ward is the mother of Tahjai Ward, daughter of Mark Ward, Sr., and the granddaughter of Edna Quander Ward.

Get Involved: Join a Committee!

You can be part of a committee no matter where you live. Connection does not stop at the DMV or East coast. If there is a committee on the list in which you're interested,

Please reach out to Jamila Stone via quandersunitedinc@gmail.com. You can also reach her by phone: 202-253-9724. If you know someone who might be interested please share this information with them.

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, PING, 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

Honoring Our 2024 Graduates

Congratulations to all of our graduates! Read more info about the family members pictured and not pictured on the next page.



Alicia Argrett



Synie Bumbray



Danae Hill



Akayla Lee Baird



Jemel Quander Morris



Alejandro Quander Tellez



Devin Reedy

Honoring Our 2024 Graduates

Alicia Argrett (Photo 1) graduated with a B.S. in Neuroscience with a Business Administration and Chemistry minor. In June, she will be matriculating to the University of Notre Dame for her Master's in Management with a Finance concentration. While her long-term ambitions are undetermined, she fully intends to take the world by storm the same way she has been able to do at UAB! Go Irish! *Alicia Argrett, daughter of Mr. Augustus M. Argrett, III and Mrs. Sekila Holmes Argrett/granddaughter of Dr. Oakley Holmes, Jr. and Mrs. Gloria Tancil Holmes.*

Synie Bumbray (Photo 2) graduated from Bishop McNamara High School and is attending Towson in the Fall.

Danae Hill (Photo 3) graduated from University of Maryland with a degree in Kinesiology. *Granddaughter of Cecelia Quander*

Akayla Lee Baird (Photo 4) graduated on May 23rd from Towson University, Class of 2024.

Kenzo Quander graduated from Hopkins House Preschool Academy in June 2024.

Jack Grayson Quander graduated from University of New Haven, CT with a degree in Business Management.

Jemel Quander Morris (Photo 5) has successfully completed nursing school. *Son of Jennell Quander Mitchell, grandson of Pastor Joan Mitchell*

Alejandro Quander Tellez (Photo 6) is the son of Robin Quander Tellez, grandson of Ronald Quander, great grandson of Doris Quander, great great grandson of Joseph Howard Quander Sr. and Jennie Quander.

Devin Reedy (Photo 7) graduated from Meade Senior High School on June 3, 2024. *Devin is the daughter of Michelle Grimes, granddaughter of Joyce Grimes Hightower, and great granddaughter of Florence Gordon Johnson.*

Lelia Smith graduated with a degree in Economics from Spelman College on Sunday, May 19, 2024. *Lelia is the daughter of David and Amy Smith, granddaughter of Diane and Pete Smith, and great granddaughter of Catherine Gordon Jeffries.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

June 4 - Helene Quander Hutchinson,
Shakhan King

June 6 - Gail Banks

June 10 - Tony Quander

June 12 - Donna Quander Spence

June 13 - Morgana Mitchell Beltre

June 14 - Sherman Gardner

June 15 - Marcia Robertson

June 16 - Nirel Walton

June 21 - Linnette R. Williams-Quander

June 22 - Rhodesia G. Quander

June 23 - Joyce Bell

June 26 - Danielle Coates

June 29 - Xan Quander, Cayden
Quander, Jackson Charles

July

July 1 - Ankara Rochelle Quander, Sinaia
Monae Quander

July 2 - Cecelia Henderson

July 4 - Trisha Quarles

July 6 - Sidney Coles

July 7 - Donald Gardner, Ronald
Gardner, Samaad Quander Morris

July 9 - Mark Ward, Jr., William
Simmons

July 10 - Brenda Simpson

July 13 - Michele Quander-Collins

July 14 - Tia Quander

July 16 - Eleanor Bohannon, Cayli
Quander

July 30 - Phillip Quander-Mosley

August

August 1 - David Jackson, Tina Marie
Wilson, Tina Oliver

August 4 - Gregory Jackson

August 13 - Phyllis Sutton Quander (d.),
Darrell Quander

August 15 - Jillene Holloway

August 17 - Vongretchen Nicole Towles

August 21 - Tya Johnson

August 24 - Kingston Anthony Coates

August 25 - Lenaldo Matthews

August 29 - Alicia Reedy, Robin Quander
Whitmire

Anniversaries

June 18 - Benjamin & Dionne Harrell

June 28 - Vanessa Blair & Eric Lewis

July 16 - Mary Jo and Bob Blair

A Quander Abroad: Life as an ESL Teacher in Taiwan

Submitted by Ronald Anthony Quander, Jr.

Hey Quander fam!

It's Tony, your resident Taipei expat, checking in! I've been teaching English here for eight years now, and it's been a wild ride. I work with elementary and adult students, navigating language barriers and cultural exchange with lots of laughs (and some awkward moments).

Living here has been an adventure! Taiwan's vibrant culture, friendly people, and delicious food have definitely won me over. I teach my students everything from vocabulary and science to math, all in English. It's a true privilege to be a part of their journey, and I'm proud to represent our family on this side of the world.

Miss you all and hope to see you soon!

Love,
Teacher Tony



Dragon Boat Festival Support



Making Zongzi (粽子) with the students.



Park Day

Quanders Teach: Honoring the Teachers and Professors in Our Family

Where would we be without teachers and educators? During our school careers, we spend or had spent so much time at school. There's truly nothing like having a supportive teacher. The Quander family has been blessed to have so many in our own family! We wanted to highlight you and the work you've done. Your imprint on the lives you've touched will be felt for generations to come. Thank you all for your service!



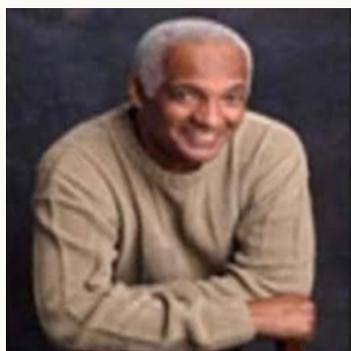
Keandra Bell-Landa



Gina Blair Miller



Beatrice Jeffries*



Charles Paul Jeffries



Bernice Jeffries Perkins



Diane Jeffries Smith



Dr. Janice Lewis
Winters



Emma Josephine
Quander



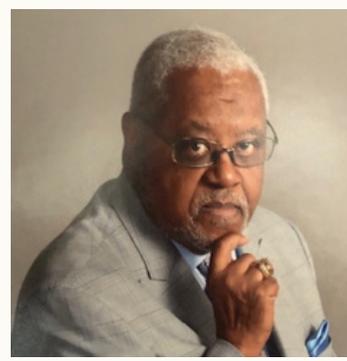
Ronald A. Quander,
Jr.



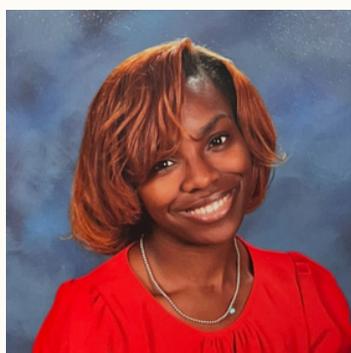
Sinaia Monae Quander



Mary Quander Eaton*



William Q. Taylor



Tahjai Ward



Jeanne Wilson Woods*

Keandra Bell-Landa (Photo 1) - Elementary and middle school along with ESL for almost 20 years

Gina Blair Miller (Photo 2) - Dean of Counseling at Elizabeth Seton High School; previously the Director of Counseling at Riverdale Baptist School for 18 years

Loretta Carter Haynes - teacher

Biana Cha-Camp – teacher

Joherra DeLong Harris – Assistant Principal, DC; teacher, NYC

Embrazetta Elliot - Virginia

Viola Hines Taylor – U.S. Department of Defense

Beatrice Jeffries (Photo 3)* - joined the teaching order of Nuns called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; taught elementary students in numerous inner city communities around the country such as Belle Glade, FL; New York, NY; Gary IN; Church Point, LA, Chicago, IL; and New Orleans, LA; Director of Campus Ministry and Vice President of the Office of Student Affairs at Xavier University; Vice President of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

Charles Paul Jeffries (Photo 4) - 8th grade teacher at St. Augustine's; D.C. Public Schools Teacher; Assistant Director of Career Services at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA

Bernice Jeffries Perkins (Photo 5) - career began in 1971; (continued)

taught kindergarten at St Joseph's daycare Center under Catholic Charities teaching 2 1/2 year olds and then 4-5 year olds at Rosemount Bilingual Day Care Center; Coordinator; developed teacher workshops; Kingsbury Lab School - sports and American history club teacher for learning disabled students; taught special needs students and became the Coordinator of K-5th grade students at Love Christian Academy

Diane Jeffries Smith (Photo 6) - Elementary school teacher for 40 years (Maryland and Ohio); Reaching For the Vision award; Certificate of Excellence, presented by the Board of Education of Ohio

Marie Johnson - teacher

Maya Jordan - teacher

James Lewis – high school teacher

Naomi Lewis Brooks - teacher

Ruth Lewis Schuler – teacher

Dr. Janice Lewis Winters (Photo 7) - Public school teacher in Arlington, Virginia and Fairfax County Virginia for 40 years; Assistant Professor in Education at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia for 4 years until her retirement in 2004

Dana McPherson - teacher

Nina Mendez - teacher

Maureen Miles - teacher

Audrey Quander - Teacher, D.C. Public Schools

Candance M. Quander - Teacher, D.C. Public Schools

Charlene Quander - teacher

Claudia Quander - teacher

Dominick Quander - Black trustee, Prince George's County Public Schools

Elizabeth Jane Quander - Fairfax County

Emma Josephine Quander (Photo 8) - Art Teacher at Gaithersburg Elementary for Montgomery County, MD Public Schools

Fatima Quander - Professor, University of Maryland

Gabriel Quander- c. 1890, first Black trustee, Prince George's County, Board of Education

Iliana Quander - teacher

James. W. Quander - teacher

John E. Quander, III - teacher

Julian Quander

Marion Ophelia Quander* - teacher

Ophelia Quander - teacher

Paul A. Quander, Sr.* - Principal, Chamberlin High School

Nellie May Quander - teacher; summer principal, Shaw Jr. High School

Rohulamin Quander - teacher

Jennie Q. Henderson* - teacher

Roberta M. Quander* - teacher

Ronald A. Quander, Jr. (Photo 9) - ESL Teacher in Taiwan

Ronald A. Quander, Sr. - Taught at Dunbar Senior High School in Washington, D.C.

Sinaia Monae Quander (Photo 10) - Gwinnett County, Georgia Substitute Teacher

Charles Johnson Quander, Sr. - Principal, Nat. Training School

Mary Quander Eaton* (Photo 11) - Taught at Beaver Heights Elementary as well as Frederick Douglas High Schools in MD for a total of 37 1/2 years

Helene Quander Hutchinson - Worked as an educator and principal in Nassau, Bahamas

Le Shaun Quander-Mosley - 4th grade Teacher, 1st grade Religion Teacher - Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School; Mathematics Teacher, Math Department Chair, Assistant Principal, Athletics Director, Basketball, Track, Softball, Robotics Coach - Terrell Jr. High School, D.C. Public Schools; National Consultant-Mathematics Specialist - America's Choice, Inc., National Center on Education & the Economy; Strategic Data Fellow - Center for Education Policy Research, Harvard University; Adjunct Professor Math, Physics & Engineering Department, College of Southern Maryland

Angela Quander Purdie - Retired; 29 years with Norfolk Public Schools and Norview High School

Catherine Quander Quarles - teacher, Anne Arundel County, MD Schools

Evelyn Quander Rattley - teacher

Linda Quander Sharpe - Professor, Morgan State University, Howard University, Clark Atlanta University, Ga

Eunice K. Quander-Taylor - teacher

William Q. Taylor (Photo 12) - Currently doing guest lectures with Howard University's Department of Public Safety; aught military police subjects to Army Reserve units I with the DC Army National Guard, reserve units at Ft. George Meade, MD, Ft. McCoy, WI, Ft. McClullen, AL, Ft. Dix, NJ, Puerto Rico, and more. Certified as an instructor at the FBI Academy in 1980, at Quantico, VA; Senior Lieutenant in charge of training operations for the MPD; the Core Subjects Senior Instructor at the MPD Training Academy; training coordinator for the George Washington University Department and the Consortium of Universities for the Washington D.C. Metro Area; consulting lectures with USSS Uniform Division, US Park Police, and Metro Transit Police Departments

Henrietta Quander Walls - Black trustee, Prince George's County

Dian Quander Walton - HIPPA, U.S. Government

Eric Rhodes - Tesst Electronics School teacher

Justin Rhodes - Bishop McNamara High School

Susie Russell Quander - teacher

Charlotte Simmons Chase - teacher

Christine Simmons Henry - teacher, Prince George's County Schools

Jamila Stone - currently teaching Special Education at River Terrace EC

Gloria Tancil Holmes - Operation HeadStart, Alexandria

Sherry Trayham - Primary and Junior High

Tahjai Ward (Photo 13) - Teaching 3rd grade at Scotstown Hill Elementary School; third year 3rd year at SHES

Jeanne Wilson Woods* (Photo 14) - 35 years of service to the District of Columbia Public School System; taught 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th grade

Charity Quander Young - Principal, Prince George's County Schools

A Two-Fold History! I Thought I Was the First Quander...

Submitted by Akia Quanderjordan

In May of 1954, the ruling came down to integrate the District of Columbia Public Schools. Students were chosen from various schools and in September 1954 sent to their designated schools.

There was a group of students who attended Armstrong High School who were chosen to be sent to McKinley Technical High. In that group of students, there was June Clark and her best friend and my cousin, Carolyn F. Jeffries Branch. Along with them, there there was a classmate everyone knew as "O.B." He is mentioned because he became the first black pilot as a McKinley graduate to fly the 747. These three students were in the pioneering group that integrated McKinley. Those students chosen from Armstrong had been told that since Armstrong was closing, McKinley Tech High School's name might be changed to Armstrong-McKinley or McKinley-Armstrong. Thankfully the name changes never happened.

Carolyn and June had desires to become nurses. Having entered McKinley as eleventh graders, they were able to take the various science classes that they needed. McKinley offered basic science, biology, chemistry, and most of all laboratory techniques. Carolyn and June graduated in 1956. The two of them went on to attend The Holy Ghost Hospital School of Nursing in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Carolyn dedicated her life to nursing. She worked in hospitals and did private duty nursing in D. C. and Maryland.

Some of you might be wondering why I decided to write this story. It is simple. My



love for my years at McKinley caused me to think of the family members who attended McKinley after I graduated. Of course, I didn't know at the time that my cousin had been one of the pioneers. While reading Carolyn's obituary on March 5, 2024, I decided to do this. Having believed until reading Carolyn's obituary that I was the first member of the Quander Family at Tech, I am truly honored to have followed my dear cousin.

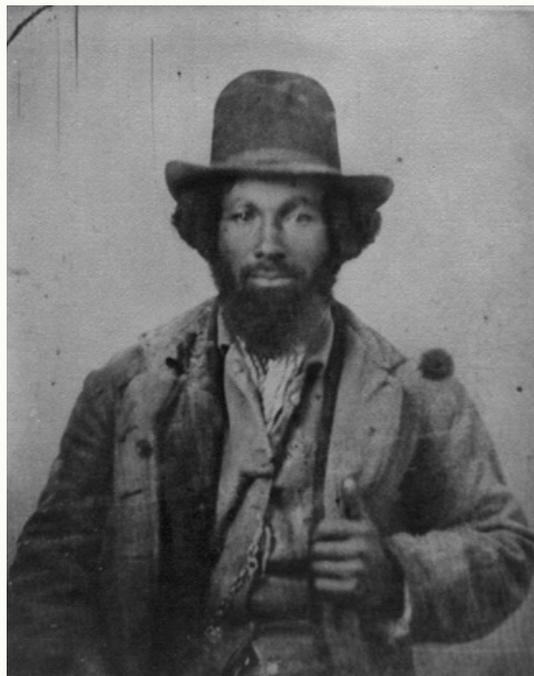
I entered McKinley Tech during some renovations at Taft Jr. High in September 1961. In that class, there were many close friends. But there was one classmate, Judith Greenfield, who turned out to be a
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Exhibit Opens at Woodlawn Plantation Featuring Quander and Holland Ancestors

Submitted by Rohulamin Quander

On April 25, 2024, the historic Woodlawn Plantation unveiled its latest historic exhibit, *Woodlawn: People and Perspectives*, that through text, images, and objects displayed throughout the house. Visitors will discover the contributions of the many people who shaped Woodlawn's past and present. They can study four triangular bricks with one rounded edge made by enslaved people as they constructed the original columns on the front portico. "The stories of the enslaved people who built Woodlawn brick by brick are inseparable from the story of this home," notes the display. Histories include the Lewis family, original builders and occupants who were George Washington's relatives, and the people they enslaved, some of whom remained as compensated employees after Emancipation. Highlighted are free Black families such as the Hollands and Quanders who purchased land (briefly called "Freetown") and built communities alongside many Quaker families who purchased land and built their homes on the later subdivided Woodlawn site.

In 1846, a group of Quakers bought Woodlawn and lived and worshipped in the mansion until they built farmhouses and a meeting house. They created a "free labor colony" to demonstrate that farming could be successful without slavery, an alternative to Virginia's plantation culture, with the goal of showing that whites and free blacks can live and work harmoniously, hoping to dispel contra attitudes about Blacks, if freed. Visitors learn that William Holland, freed in 1799, bought land in 1851 when the Quakers divided some Woodlawn parcels into family farms. In 1866, William Holland



donated the land upon which the first Woodlawn Methodist Church was built. He also re-sold parcels to fellow free Blacks like him. His descendant William Holland worked at Mount Vernon for 65 years, initially as a butler from about 1900, and retired in 1965 as head tomb guard of George Washington's tomb, as reported in the *Alexandria Gazette*.

Lewis Quander (pictured above), grandson of Charles (free) and Nancy Carter Quander of the Mount Vernon Plantation, resided at the Woodlawn Plantation and is referenced as a laborer in records. Lewis purchased "Brookdale," 163 acres from the Quakers and operated a profitable farm at the site until his death in 1864. His widow, Susanna, who was still enslaved at the time of Lewis's death,

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Kanyi Masembwa Selected for 2024 Amazon Housing Facility Equity Accelerator Fellowship

Submitted by Katalina Quander Masembwa

Kanyi Masembwa was recently selected as one of 13 participants in the 2024 Amazon Housing Equity Accelerator Fellowship (HEAF) Program. This program grew out of Capital Impact Partners' Equitable Development Initiative to better ensure that real estate developers truly reflect their city's diversity. The ability for developers of color to help shape and increase access to affordable housing in rapidly developing cities is hampered by the fact these individuals remain underrepresented in the real estate development industry. Currently, people of color are estimated to make up less than 5% of the developers in the country.

To support developers' efforts to overcome barriers to success, Capital Impact Partners (now known as Momentus Capital) partnered with Amazon to launch a fellowship in the Washington Metropolitan area, with a focus on individuals who are dedicated to real estate development as a career path, coupled with an interest in affordable housing.

The HEAF program is not an introductory program. Candidates were expected to have real estate development experience and were selected based on stringent eligibility criteria guidelines.

Kanyi is a graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School and Howard University, School of Architecture. He received a Master Degree in Computational Design and a second Master's Degree in Information System Management, both



from Carnegie Mellon University. He owns his own real estate development and management companies, and has completed several single family and condominium development projects, primarily in Washington, DC. His current projects, which he presented in his application for the HEAF program, include the development of a new 30-unit multifamily apartment building and duplex row dwelling units in the Petworth area in Ward 4.

Kanyi is the son of Katalina Quander Masembwa and the grandson of the late Joseph Aloysius Quander, Sr.

Quander Family Recognized by The Society of the First African Families of English America Submitted by Rohulamin Quander

On the weekend of May 3-4, 2024, The Society of First African American Families of English America (SOFAFEA), convened its second annual conference at the American Revolution Museum, Philadelphia. During the two-day event, the Quander Family was recognized as one of the oldest documented African ancestral families in North America, traced from at least the 1670s. As well, Rohulamin Quander, family historian, was saluted for his sustained historical research, which confirms presence of the Quander [family] and its African American documented legacy from the 1670s.

During the Friday evening reception at the museum, ten individuals were recognized for either their ancestor's historic contributions, or their ongoing contributions to African American history and culture. It was noted that while most guests can trace their ancestry back to before 1863, when the Emancipation took effect, a sub-group of attendees were also Patriots, i.e., direct descendants of those who took up arms or were actively engaged in the Revolutionary War and effort in the 18th Century.

The Saturday conference convened by Ric Murphy, Founder and President General, convened at 9:00 A.M., with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the official roll call and chronological entrance and recognition of a representative from each of the oldest families' verified establishment of a presence in North America. The order of the roll call was for families documented in North America between 1619 and 1675. Only two families were noted – the Tuckers and the Quanders. For those who do not know of the Tuckers, their lineage stems directly from August 1619, when the first enslaved Africans, bound in chains, were brought into Point Comfort, Virginia, in the later identified



Hampton Roads area, aboard the White Lion, an English privateer ship.

The invocation recognized the spirituality of multiethnicities, with reference to God and spirituality in Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Indigenous American populations, and to some African deities. President General Murphy took the podium and restated the mission of SOFAFEA:

To actively promote the memory of the First African Families of English America who, by their services and sacrifices during the founding of English America, helped to achieve the greatness of the American People, and to unite and

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99th Reunion Information

Dates

Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11, 2024

Schedule (as of 06/29/2024)

Friday morning - Family archives visit, 10 AM - 11 AM

Friday evening - Meet & Greet, 6 PM - 9 PM

Saturday afternoon - Cookout, 1 PM - 5 PM

Sunday - Church, at 10 AM or 11 AM;

National Museum of African American History & Culture, at 11 AM

Registration & Payment

The registration form is available online [here](#). **Please submit this form and payment no later than July 7, 2024. The full amount must be paid by the date stated.** 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. If you know someone who does not use email, please share this information with them.

Pricing

Regular - Whole weekend

Ages 13-74 - \$60

Ages 7-12 & 75+ - \$30

Ages 6 and under - FREE

T-shirt is not included in the free tickets. T-shirts are ONLY included for Whole Weekend tickets for ages 7-12 and 13-74.

Saturday ONLY

Ages 7 and up - \$35

Ages 6 and under - FREE

T-shirt Cost - \$15 (Sizes S - 3X); ages 6 and under - \$10

Payment Info

May be paid by

Check/money order - Larryl Matthews, Treasurer

3850 Carpenter Street, SE

Washington, D.C. 20020

PayPal - QuandersFinance@gmail.com

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

Payment plan available upon request. Tickets are nonrefundable. However, they are transferable.

Hotel Information

Hilton DoubleTree

\$149/night + taxes/fees (book by July 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 July 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](#).

University of the District of Columbia Highlights Negro Harry Quando and Felix Quander Submitted by Rohulamin Quander

On June 7, 2024, the Institute of Politics, Policy, and History (IPPH), located at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) convenient another event in a series of podcasts highlighting much of the heretofore unknown or forgotten history of Washington, DC, and the surrounding geographic area. The event's title was "Justice Unbound, Marginalized Voices in Legal History.

On this occasion, ancestors Harry (Henry) Quando and Felix Quander were the subjects of a discussion which examined the different circumstances for Black residents in the DMV area before and after Emancipation and the Civil War.

The panel explored how African Americans pursued justice, despite a legal system that was intentionally skewed against them, but often still prevailed. Presided over by Sharon Pratt, former mayor of the District of Columbia, the event included slavery scholars Dr. Thomas Watson, III, author of *A Quest for Freedom* and professor at the University of Nebraska, and Dr. Adam Rothman, director of The Slavery Project, located at Georgetown University.

Drawn to the issue of the lives of Harry Quando and Felix Quander, by the vast differences in the quest and assertion of Black rights, as profiled in Rohulamin Quander's book, *The Quanders, Since 1684, An Enduring African American Legacy*, the IPPH determined it incumbent to examine the elements that distinguished the pre- and post- Emancipation period, and the likewise adoption of the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U. S. Constitution.

The presentation's focus highlighted the 1823 Last Will and Testament of Miss

Margrett Clagett which allegedly manumitted Negro Harry Quando, as noted in the 1830 case, *Quando v. Clagett*, despite the will's failure to use the word "free" in the manumission clause. The adverse effect resulted in Harry's presumed humility and uncertainty for the next several years, waiting for some action to be taken to free him, but seemingly afraid to ask, given that enslaved people had no rights which could be presented to a court for determination. Waiting and wondering for several years, he was eventually represented by Francis Scott Key, a well-known attorney, author of the *Star-Spangled Banner*, and himself an enslaver. The court granted Harry's freedom, finding that manumission was the apparent intent of the deceased.

Conversely, Felix Quander's case takes a different approach. The grandson of Charles (free born) and Nancy Carter Quander (Freed under George Washington's will), Felix's life was plagued with a series of legal contests, some of his own creation due to his questionable character and behavior. Still, as reported in numerous newspaper articles of the era, he was blocked and mistreated due to his race. Always on the offensive, perhaps subconsciously pursuing his presumed rights as granted by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (citizenship and equal protection of the law), Felix's actions underscored his sense of entitlement to those rights, which, in the face of post-Civil War racism in the late 1870s, were often denied or inconsistently accessed over a sustained period.

Frequency called a "ruffian," or "colored desperado," which might have ...

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cousin from the line of Maryland-born Quanders. Twenty-three years it took to find out we were cousins. After the Taft Jr. High graduation ceremony held at McKinley, I, Judith and many others returned to McKinley as bona fide tenth graders. Around that time, September 1962, I found two relatives who were employed at the school. Mr. James Logan who taught music and Miss Helen Carpenter who was a guidance counselor on staff. Eventually Mrs. Doris Quander came on board as a math teacher. These were my distant cousins who hailed from Northern Virginia.

Other Quanders who followed were my brother, Robert A. Quander - 1966, Cousin Jacinta A. Quander 1966-1969, Joherra Quander 1966-1967, who transferred after one year. Edna Quander - 70? followed by my sister Janyce E. Quander 1973-1976 along with my sister, Geraldine Quander 1973-1976. Edna and Geraldine are Doris Quander's daughters. Let me not forget from the class of 1973 Raymond Samuel Parker, III, a McKinley grad and double Ph.D. Last but not least, my son Drake A. Jordan who attended from 1983-1986. But until Carolyn - I really thought I was the first.

**Exhibit opens at Woodlawn
Plantation featuring Quander and
Holland Ancestors
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successfully contested her claim of successor ownership, in part questioned due to her still enslaved status at the time of Lewis' death. Although it is uncertain whether the first Quander Family Reunion of 45 family members, convened on August 15, 1926, gathered at the Brookdale site, the records of that first reunion reflect that the event was held at Woodlawn.

Today, that swarth of land has been incorporated into Fort Belvoir, as the federal government expanded the military installation in the 1940s. Condemned was some of Woodlawn's land, resulting in demolished farms, homes, a church, school and lodges of Woodlawn's Black community. Many Black people living there relocated to Gum Springs, founded in 1833, by West Ford. Today Gum Springs is the oldest surviving Black community in Fairfax County. The federal government left the Quaker Meeting House intact. It is still in use today.

The Woodlawn's exhibit traces other owners of the property, too, up to 1957 when the National Trust for Historic Preservation bought it, and it became the first historic trust site open to the public.

Quander Family Recognized by The Society of
the First African Families of English America
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promote fellowship among their descendants.

Several of the conference speakers reaffirmed that SOFAFEA's mission is to ensure that the truth about the sustained contributions of our African ancestors is finally and fully told, as we look to a better future. The 2024 conference theme was "From Roots to Renaissance: Celebrating the Journey and Influence of the First African American Families." The theme both affirms and reflects that our ancestors – men, women, and children – were likewise Founders of this nation, and must be recognized as such. As well, the theme underscored the inclusion of many forgotten Patriots who fought to make our nation free and independent. Now, on the eve of the 250th anniversary of our nation in 2026, we must do all we can to firmly establish and promote those legacies of our shared history. The Black ancestors made it possible for men like Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Madison, Franklin, and other enslaving Founders, to undertake and complete their respective missions, knowing that their home fires were

maintained in all respects by those who they enslaved.

The presenters were a combination of people from academia and others from Patriot- traced families relating their ancestors' lived experiences. The subject matter of each can be drawn from the titles:

- Who are the Forgotten Patriots of the Revolutionary War
- The Role of Slavery During the American Revolution
- Role of Women During the American Revolution
- How Do We Tell Their Story;
- Revolutionary War Medicine on the Battlefields

During the course of the program, President Murphy underscored the need for more families and individuals to step forward to claim their historical legacies, particularly referring to the Tucker and Quander families. He extended an open invitation, asking each of the Tucker and Quander representatives to consciously reach out to their family members and solicit them to join SOFAFEA.

University of the District of Columbia Highlights
Negro Harry Quando and Felix Quander
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been an accurate characterization, on the occasions when he sought to retrieve his own alleged property (a horse that wandered off and chickens which wandered off), the adverse response of the local white community was so massive (a 33-person posse at 4:00 a.m. in the morning) that included shooting his house until it almost fell down, gun wounding several family members, demonstrated the uneven application of post-Civil War justice.

Still, Felix and his wife, Julia (aka "July") never gave up, despite lashes, jail sentences, property loss, and multiple fines.

Eventually, they relocated and settled in Washington, D.C., and in c. 1890, set up final housekeeping on what today is recognized as Quander Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. Felix died in November 1903, at the age of approximately 73 years.

Although his life was challenged, his legacy lives on, as he demonstrated to future generations of Quanders and others, that he could stand up, demand his basic human and Constitutional rights, which, even if denied, were his to claim. And for that reason, we are all in his debt.

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