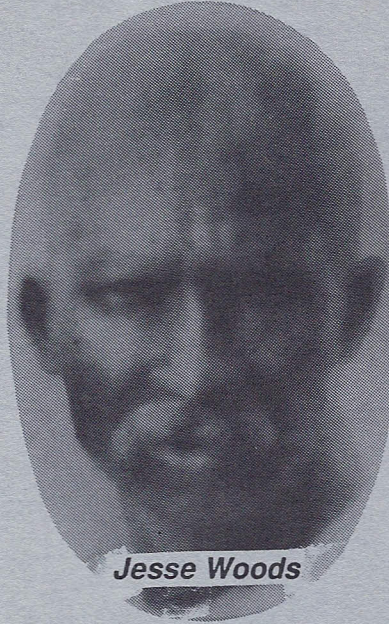
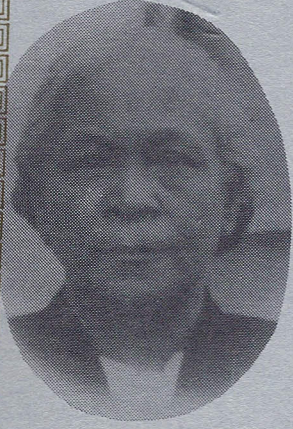


# THE WOODS

FAMILY of Rockport, Indiana in Spencer County

Mary Woods Taylor  
Malinda Woods Taylor  
Wilson Woods



Jesse Woods



Rosa E. Woods



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Abelina Woods Adair Black

Queen Esther Franklin



Charlie Woods

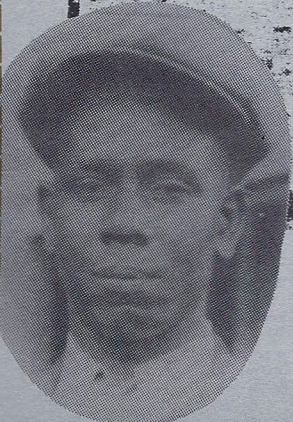
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Smithfield Baptist Church



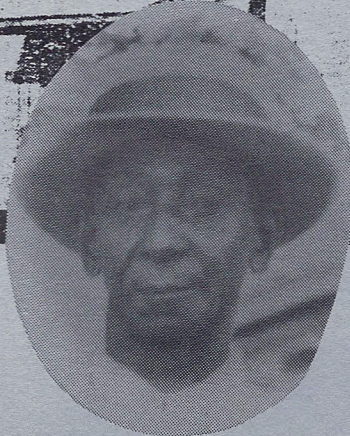
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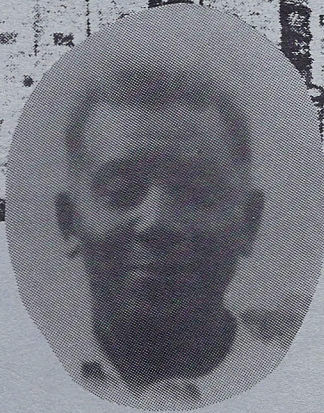
Daisy Woods Thompson



Ira Woods



Dave Woods.



Mason Woods.



Arthur Woods

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BLACK PEOPLE OF SPENCER COUNTY

Spencer County has been home for black families since the middle 1800's. The History of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties, written in 1885, states there was an effort made by community leaders in 1851 to "colonize" the negroes and mulattoes, however in 1862 a resolution was heartily endorsed in favor of the coming Emancipation Proclamation which had been forecast. The Ohio River divides Kentucky and Indiana and Rockport, the county seat of Spencer County, is located on the river. I have been told many times that run-away slaves were given protection here or helped on their northern route because of this geographical situation.

The History of the Smithfield Baptist Church of Rockport gives some enlightenment to the migration here. This Church was a branch of the Rock Spring Baptist Church of Yelvington, Kentucky. During the Civil War members of that church disbanded and many of them crossed the Ohio River and settled in Rockport. In 1865, with Elder Dabney Jewel, who became the first pastor, they met and formed a congregation. Meetings were held for some time in the Rockport United Brethren Church. This congregation was called 'The Wooden Shoe Church'. In 1869 they built their first church. It was a small frame structure dedicated in 1870. Brother Charles Johnson was the first clerk and the first Deacons were: Brothers Simon Brown, Abram Derritt and Charles Johnson. In 1875 their brick church was built for them by Philip Eigenmann. Rev. Green McFarland presided at the dedication in 1877. Elder George Fields was pastor for many years. Also serving as early Deacons were: Brothers Aaron Richardson, Sam J. Johnson, William Grimes, Abram Taylor, Simon Brown, Abram CRowe, and Charles Johnson. Brother Prince Brown served as church clerk. Officers serving when Elder Fields was pastor were: Brothers Elonzo Taylor and Ed Robinson. This brick church was remodeled in 1965 under the present pastor, Rev. Raymond Alson. The church has withstood many storms under the wise and benevolent guidance of Rev. Walter Highbaugh and Rev. Raymond Alson, both having served this congregation for many years; thereby strengthening a congregation which is very active today.

Mackey Chapel was sponsored by the Rockport Methodist Church. The building was erected after the Civil War on land donated by Mrs. Letha Mackey with the understanding that church services would always be held there. The church was very small and, after it was no longer in use, many from this congregation became members of the Smithfield Baptist Church.

The 1885 History lists a black Baptist Church in Grandview and a black secret society, "The Independent Sons of Honor" in Rockport.

The Atlas of Spencer County, published in 1876, lists several black schools:

Ohio Township: No. 1 was located on outer Washington Street  
No. 2 was in Africa (a black community in the river bottoms)  
No. 3 was a transitory school  
No. 5 was on Hwy. 231, near Indiana Michigan Power  
Lake Mill (No number found)  
A brick school located in Rockport at 5th and Mill Streets

Luce Township: The village of Eureka had a school Kensington, known as No. 12, located near the present Luce Elementary School. John Haines and Ben Johnson (colored) taught in this school and it functioned for many years until there were so few students it was discontinued and the pupils transported to Rockport. Richland had a school from 1875. It was also used as a church. However the school was discontinued about 1911 when most of the black families moved from Richland.

All of these schools were grade schools. Later, when transportation could be provided to Evansville, the children attended Lincoln High School there and their tuition was paid.

The oneroom schools were gradually discontinued and the students transported to larger schools in the towns. Horse or mule-drawn covered wagons, nicknamed "Hoodoo Wagons" were used for this transportation from 1906 until they were replaced by motor buses around 1932-22. Parents provided transportation for their children to a high school.

An old book entitled "Records of Teachers' Examination, Spencer County, Indiana", beginning June 1883 to March 1903, lists as follows:

Prince Grimes, age 55, of Rockport, took the teacher's exam on Aug. 25, 1883.

Marietta Crump, age 17, Rockport, took the exam on June 28, 1884.

J. T. Williams, took a special exam for Grandview colored school (Hammond Township, August 8, 1885).

Kitty Holmes, 20 years old, of Rockport, took the exam August 27, 1887.

Early birth records are scarce, however here are a few:

Alberta, born to Wesley and Sally Merriwether, April 5, 1882

Clarence, born to Henry and Elvina Pool Ray, Dec. 11, 1882

Hardin S., born to Remus J. and Rose Higdon Newton, Dec. 2, 1882

Emma, born to Lewis and Maggie Richardson Sanford, July 18, 1883

A girl born to Robert M. and Nancy Pool Murdock, Aug. 17, 1884.

The very interesting PROFILE of "Cap" Percell is attached. "Cap" was born in the community known as Africa. He doesn't know of its beginning except he remembered that Jewel Taylor's mother ran a grocery store there and he rembered the large number of houses that made up the black community. Because Africa was surrounded by farms in the low land near the river, the houses were built on stilts to keep them from being flooded during the rainy season. "Cap" left Africa as soon as he was old enough and went north of Rockport to work for George Miller at "Craw" Road, where a small community of black families lived. He thinks they called the community "Craw" or "Cray" because there were so many crayfish there.

Many of the black community use Sunset Hill Cemetery at Rockport for burial of their loved ones. However, Sandale in Luce Township is still used and Springstun was a large cemetery in Ohio Township near the present Indiana Michigan Power.

Among the businesses listed in the 1885 History are the barbers, McFarland and Sanford. Grandpa and Grandma Sanford lived in a big house at the end of Main Street and Ben and his family had the barber shop and lived upstairs over it. Lewis Sanford is listed as the barber in 1902. (Their daughter, Emma, was born in 1883) This shop continued into the 1920's or 30's.

Maurice Gordon had a fish market on Third Street. Lewis Taylor always had good hominy; and Mary, his wife, was an excellent cook and catered many of the fine dinner parties for the ladies in Rockport.

Jewel Taylor had a peddling wagon and always brought fresh farm produce from the river bottoms to the townspeople.

"Isem Eastam" was a town character who wore old ragged clothes, a felt hat and heavy jacket the year around; carried a beat-up shot gun, rusty, and unloaded; always had a little dog following him and was teased by the children. He teased them too, so it was all harmless fun. Under this facade was a keen mind for mathematics and he was noted community-wide for his aptness.

Benjamin Snyder of Rockport attended the schools here, then graduated from Tufts University and was a professor there after his graduation.

Here is a small list of the early families and some of their descendants still live in this community:

Sterret, Westerfield, Tinsley, Smith, Bright, Small, Skillman, Purcell, Persell, McAtee, Lowery, Shaw, Hatfield, Rust, Davis, Johnson, Roberts, Lindsey, Pinkston, Payne, Parm, Norris, Grady, Modock, McGill, Crow, Clay, Boon, McCreary, McCray, McFarland, Gills, Bushrod, Grimes, Beechum Beard, Taylors, Calhoun, Oliver, Lee, Sharp, Steward, Stone, Tally, and Thomas.

There are nine townships in Spencer County, however, my early records list the black families in Luce, Ohio and Hammond Townships. This may have been because these townships had some border on the Ohio River.

There is so much more history here of so many wonderful black families. Perhaps this very brief one will whet the appetite of some others to bring more of their history to us to be preserved.

Enclosures: Profile of "Cap" Percell; Brief History of Smithfield Baptist Church by William Lindsey, Sr.; Page from old book "Record of Teachers' Examination, Spencer County, Indiana".

*Ellen Joyce Brown*  
Ellen Joyce Brown  
County Historian  
Spencer County  
Rockport, Indiana

19th ANNUAL WOODS FAMILY REUNION  
" KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE"  
SEPTEMBER 7, 1992

The Woods Family established roots in Rockport, Indiana which is in Spencer County. This precious history is patterned after The Greatest Story Ever Told from The Greatest Book Ever Written which begins.....In The Beginning, God Created....

Rosa Mealure, born December 7, 1859 and Jesse Woods, born February 26, 1850, became acquainted, married in Smithfield Baptist Church, lived on a farm, and raised a family of twelve children, namely Mary, Malinda, Wilson, Mobelia, Charlie, Ira, Dave, Mason, Arthur, Daisy, Ollie, and Queen Esther. The children, six boys and six girls attended "Little Africa School" Doing farm chores, studying by candle light and lamp light. They were a loving family that enjoyed togetherness.

With the passing of time, there were many marriages. The newly weds often chose other towns in which to live. **Rock**port, Indiana became " back home" to many and the small section where the Woods lived was called " Little Africa" eventually was replaced by such towns as Evansville, Indiana- Owensboro, Kentucky- Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1913, a destructive flood forced many people to leave Rockport, which is on the Ohio River. Jesse and Rosa, seeking higher ground moved their remaining younger children to Indianapolis. The devastating spring flood was the topic of conversation for many years. In Rockport along the banks of the Ohio River stands a huge boulder with a painted white line marking the crest of the flood in 1913.

In Indianapolis, the Wood's Family settled near Ft. Wayne Ave. Grandpa Jesse worked at odd jobs to support his family. The members remained close with those who had married. Indeed life was changing rapidly and there were many births. Jesse Woods died **NOVEMBER 30, 1913** Rosa later moved in with her daughter, Queen Esther and her husband, Paul Franklin, at 819 Stillwell St. in Indianapolis. From time to time, Rosa visited friends in Chicago, Illinois. She died, May 21, 1938

Sickness and death brought families together at homes, funeral parlors, and cemeteries. Funeral services for the deceased resulted in many families later joining the church of their departed ones.

From time to time, after several bereavements, someone expressed, it is so unfortunate that our families seemingly only get together at wakes, funerals, and at the cemetery which are times of sorrow. Surely we are entitled to some happier times. Thus began the idea of planning family reunions.

The concept was started by Margaret Crocker (Barbour) } Malinda's  
Ivory Adair (son of Mobelia) Cordelia Brady (daughter of Mason) } daughter }  
Dorothy Furman (daughter of Cordelia) and Queen Esther Franklin.  
Other family members in Indianapolis were contacted, and picnics were held on specific holidays at Douglas Park. Food, fun, games and much conversation was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

When bad weather became a problem, indoor picnics were held at Edward S. Gaillard American Legion Post Home (1974) and The Epicurean Club Home (1975)

Yes, our Indianapolis group was growing. We were having some fantastic times together. Malinda's daughters, Irene, Madrin, and Julia living in Cleveland, Ohio were inspired by their sister Margaret in Indianapolis who was one of our founders. The Cleveland connection extended the invitation to descendents in Indianapolis to share in the Family Reunion extravaganza there. Mason's) granddaughter Dorothy Furman and Malinda's granddaughters, Ollie Marie, Pauline and Robbie inspired and encouraged family members in Indianapolis to charter busses for the reunions held in Cleveland. The Indianapolis Connection has hosted the Wood's Family Reunion and has truly enjoyed sharing ideas, planning, and learning who the Woods kin folks are. It's a different world today and we are finding out where we came from.

Prepared by  
Bettie Dowdell  
(Ollie's daughter)

*Jose Woods*  
*Rosa E Perkins*

SS:

Be it Remembered, That on the 12 day of March, 1874, the following Marriage License was issued, to-wit:

**INDIANA, TO-WIT: SPENCER COUNTY.**

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages, is hereby authorized to join together as Husband and Wife, *Jose Woods* and *Rosa E Perkins*, and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

*JL*

In Testimony Whereof, *J. C. Richardson*, Clerk of the Spencer Circuit Court, hereunto subscribes my name, and affix the Seal of said Court, at Rockport, this 12 day of March, 1874

*J. C. Richardson* Clerk

Be it further Remembered, That on this 6 day of May, 1874, the following Certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

**INDIANA, TO-WIT: SPENCER COUNTY.**

This Certifies, That I joined in marriage as Husband and Wife *Jose Woods* and *Rosa E Perkins*, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1874

*George [unclear] M B*

Lewis Taylor (or)  
TO  
Mary Woods (or)

Be it remembered, that on this 16th day  
of November 1903, the following Marriage  
License was issued, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, to-wit: SPENCER COUNTY.

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize Marriages, is hereby authorized to join together  
as Husband and Wife Lewis Taylor and Mary Woods  
and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, John C. Keainis Clerk of the Spencer Circuit  
Court, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at Rockport,  
this 16th day of November 1903

John C. Keainis Clerk.

Be it further remembered that on this 23rd day of November 1903, the following Certificate  
was filed in my office, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, to-wit: SPENCER COUNTY.

This Certifies, That I joined in Marriage as Husband and Wife, Mr Lewis Taylor  
and Mrs Mary Woods, on the 16th day of Nov 1903

Elder G. T. Lane R.

Julius Taylor  
TO  
Malinda Woods

Be it Remembered, That on this 28th day  
of November 1894, the following  
Marriage License was issued, to-wit:

INDIANA, TO-WIT: SPENCER COUNTY:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING

Know Ye, That any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages is hereby authorized to join together  
as HUSBAND AND WIFE Julius Taylor and Malinda Woods  
and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, John Baumgartner, Clerk of the Spencer  
Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said Court, at  
Rockport, this 28th day of November 1894

John Baumgartner Clerk.

Be it Further Remembered, That on this 1st day of December 1894, the following  
Certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

INDIANA, TO-WIT: SPENCER COUNTY:

This Certifies, That I joined in Marriage, as Husband and Wife Julius Taylor  
and Malinda Woods on the 29th day of November 1894

James F. Hanagan



*united*

*Wilson Woods*  
*Daisy Hollandsworth*

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of Jan 1901, the following Marriage  
License was issued, to-wit:

Indiana, To-wit: Spencer County:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages, is hereby authorized to join together as  
Husband and Wife, *Wilson Woods* and *Daisy Hollandsworth*  
and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *John Baumgartner* Clerk of the Spencer Circuit  
Court, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said Court, at Rockport, this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1901

*John Baumgartner* Clerk.  
7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1901

BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this  
the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

INDIANA, TO-WIT: SPENCER COUNTY:

THIS CERTIFIES, That I joined in marriage as Husband and Wife, *Wilson Woods*  
and *Daisy Hollandsworth* on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1901  
*J. L. Franklin*

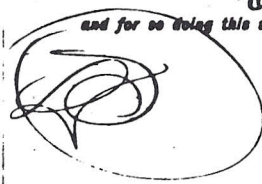
*Henry Dean (col)*  
*Mabelia Woods (col)*

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1901, the following Marriage  
License was issued, to-wit:

Indiana, To-wit: Spencer County:

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages, is hereby authorized to join together as  
Husband and Wife, *Henry Dean (col)* and *Mabelia Woods (col)*  
and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.



In Testimony Whereof, I, *J. H. Givins* Clerk of the Spencer Circuit  
Court, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said Court, at Rockport, this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1901

*J. H. Givins* Clerk.  
25 day of May 1901

BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this  
the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

INDIANA, TO-WIT: SPENCER COUNTY:

THIS CERTIFIES, That I joined in marriage as Husband and Wife, *Henry Dean*  
and *Mabelia Woods* on the 25 day of May 1901  
*Rev. H. H. Givins*

*Charles H. Woods*  
*Viola D. Taylor*

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 27 day  
of January <sup>1902</sup> ~~190~~, the following Marriage  
license was issued, to-wit:

**Indiana, To-wit: Spencer County:**

**TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:**

KNOW YE, That any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages, is hereby authorized to join together as  
Husband and Wife, *Charles H. Woods* and *Viola D. Taylor*,  
and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *J. H. Barnes*, Clerk of the Spencer Circuit  
Court, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said Court, at Rockport, this  
27 day of January <sup>1902</sup> ~~190~~.

*J. H. Barnes* Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That on this 30 day of January <sup>1902</sup> ~~190~~  
the following certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:

**INDIANA, To-wit: SPENCER COUNTY:**

~~THIS CERTIFIES~~, That I joined in marriage as Husband and Wife, *Charles H. Woods*  
and *Viola D. Taylor* on the 27 day of January <sup>1902</sup> ~~190~~

*Charles Jones*  
Minister of the Gospel.

## Jesse and Rosa E. Woods Family of Rockport, Indiana

	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
Jesse Woods .....	2-26-1850	11-30-1913
Rosa E. Mealure Woods .....	12-7-1859	5-21-1938
Mary Woods Taylor .....	1-19-1875	11-14-1909
Malinda Woods Taylor .....	7-12-1876	8-16-1935
Wilson Woods .....	2-27-1878	no information
Mobelina Woods Adair Black .....	4-5-1880	11-13-1953
Charlie Woods .....	5-22-1882	10-2-1957
Ira Woods .....	6-7-1883	10-16-1979
Dave Woods .....	6-23-1884	12-21-1976
Mason Woods .....	6-7-1887	8-31-1947
Arthur Woods .....	2-4-1890	4-23-1952
Daisy Woods Thompson .....	7-12-1891	7-15-1913
Ollie Irene Woods Williams .....	7-2-1896	8-31-1953
Queen Esther Franklin .....	8-11-1898	11-10-1970

Jesse Woods, colored, fell from a window in the third story of the Odd Fellows building in Indianapolis, Sunday, to the ground and was instantly killed, his neck being broken. The remains will arrive here this, Thursday, morning and the funeral will be conducted from the Second Baptist Church at 2 o'clock. Woods formerly lived here and was janitor at the school building for several years. (*Rockport Journal, Friday, December 5, 1913*)

Mrs. Malinda Taylor died last Sunday evening. She is survived by her husband, Julius Taylor, to whom she had been married more than forty years. Nine children are left to mourn her passing. Funeral was held at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. T. Hardy officiating. Burial at Sunset Hill. (*August 16, 1935*)

## Gasoline Explosion Causes Death of Little Colored Girl And Severly Burns Her Mother

Rosanna, the six year old child of Mason Woods colored, living on Madison Street this city was badly burned from a gasoline explosion on Friday evening about eight o'clock and the little girl dies from the effects of the burns three hours later. The child's mother (Bertha Taylor (Woods) had filled the tank on a gasoline stove and while holding an open bucket which contained gasoline attempted to light the stove. In some way she dropped the match into the gasoline which immediately ignited, filling the room with flames. Mrs. Woods threw the bucket of gasoline out the back door just as the child was entering the room, the oil and flames spread all over the child and it ran into the back yard enveloped in flames Jacob

Kessner saw the child and ran to it and tore its clothes from its body, burning his hands badly in so doing. The child was parched, but it seemed to be conscious almost to the last. A short time before it died it said: "I am going to die, Let us sing, we are going to heaven." After the mother threw the bucket of gasoline out of the room she ran into another room, jumped into a bed wrapped herself in the bedclothes and smothered the flames. She was badly burned on the hands, arms and lower limbs. (*Rockport Courthouse recorded Bertha Taylor Woods died from this accident December 14, 1913. This story was copied from the Rockport Journal July 25, 1913*)

## Our Colored People

Anna Clark. Cor.

Mrs. Nanie Shirley's funeral was held from the Smithfield, Baptist church Thursday at 2 p.m., Rev. Walter Highbaugh officiating. Burial at Sunset Hill.

The 75th annual thanksgiving service of the Odd Fellows and H. H. of R. was held at the Smithfield Baptist church Sunday afternoon. A large number from Evansville attended. A good program was rendered.

Mrs. Alma McCreary attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Rose Woods, in Indianapolis Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Richardson of Indianapolis was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Leah Taylor, Thursday. (*Rockport Journal, Friday, June 3, 1938*)

## Our Colored People

Mrs. Ruth Rounds and children of Owensboro are spending the week with her mother.

Mrs. Carrie Mount of Kentucky is visiting her son, Fred.

Mrs. Ada Richardson and daughter left Sunday for Indianapolis on a visit to Charles Richardson, who has employment there.

Mr. Waddy of Evansville has again returned to Rockport to reside.

Mrs. Morgan returned to her home in Booneville Monday.

Miss Medora Powell of Mischawaka, W. G. M., of the O. E. S., made her official visit to the local chapter Monday evening. While here she was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kindle on Main street.

D. R. Cunningham visited his brother, George, in Evansville Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Taylor continues ill. Her niece, Miss Marguerite Taylor is nursing her.

Rev. I. Harrington has resigned as pastor of Smithfield Baptist church and returned to this home in Kentucky.

Mrs. Louis Sanford, Miss Lottie Taylor, Mrs. Altha Mahone, Mrs. Chas. Dean and Walter Gibson are on the sick list.

Mrs. Addie McCrea and family, Mason McCrea, and wife have moved to the Wallace farm near Sunset Hill. (*Rockport Journal, April, 15, 1921*)

*Rockport, IN  
Courthouse  
July 18, 1913  
records show*

WOODS 1986 FAMILY REUNION





# FAMILY PICTURES



*Rosa Woods and son, IRA*



*Mabelia Woods Adair, Black*



*Charlie Woods married  
to Viola*



*DAVE AND EMMA Woods*



*MASON AND Callie Woods*



*ARTHUR AND Rebecca Woods*



*Bertha Woods*



*AUNT FRANCES AND  
AUNT QUEEN*



*GILBERT AND IDA FRANKLIN*



*TED FRANKLIN AND FAMILY*



*RUDY AND THELMA FRANKLIN*



*EUGENE AND DORIS  
FRANKLIN*



*GLENN 'SUG' FRANKLIN*



*WILMA AND ROMILDA  
FRANKLIN*





*Charles A. Williams*



*Ollie Woods Williams AND Queen Esther FRANKLIN*



*Bettie Dowdell, Melissa, Rosemary, Elvor Jr, Charles Hopper*



*This is the garage crew at West Ninth. Standing, left to right: Frank Weber, Lou Rape, George VonStaden, Frank Donahue, and Joe Singleton. In front, left to right: Charley Williams, Warren Robertson, Ross Wood, Lawrence Spangler, James Stainbrook, and R. Radison.*



*IRA AND FRANCES WOODS*



*FRANCES WOODS, daughters,  
BERTHA, ALICE AND ROSA WOODS*



*FRANCES S. WOODS AND FAMILY (CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE)*



*DOROTHY AND DAVE W. Woods*



*DOROTHY FURMAN AND brother  
ERNEST JOHNSON*



*Dee ANN Percell Character, Judge Carl J. Character  
Atty. Dea Character Floyd, Atty. Lawrence R. Floyd  
DARLA M. Character, J.D. Jasmine India Daughtery,  
Amani Solange Floyd, Kiyon Rajan Floyd.*



*HENRY G. WOODS JR, HENRY S. WOODS SR, BLANCHE WOODS, JEAN WOODS*



*WILLIAM "TU TU" WOODS*



*PHYLANDER WOODS*



*RALPH WOODS*

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19th Annual WOODS 1992 FAMILY REUNION in Cleveland, Ohio.

*Sunset, Ohio River*

**T**his booklet is dedicated to all members of the Woods family that are living and our dearly departed loved ones. Bless Queen Esther Franklin for preserving precious family records and information for us to enjoy. Bless Ira Woods for taking family photographs so we could see some of our past generations. Bless Bettie Dowdell Williams for writing eloquent pages about our family history and sharing it with us. Bless Ernest Johnson for sharing the only picture of Jesse Woods. Bless all of our family members past and present for keeping our family reunion together and proudly showing future generations from where we come. Thank you and God Bless all of you. See you in Heaven

*Forever Henry C. Woods II*  
*Bettie W. Dowdell*