Redmon Roots



OUR PROUD NORTH AMERICAN HERITAGE

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Canadian Immigrants Make Good

In 1913 Nathaniel Emmanuel Redmon and Goldie May Bishop set their sights on new horizons when they emigrated from Chicago, Illinois, United States of America to settle in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Most Black families throughout North America had challenges to overcome and Nathan and Goldie's desire to break new ground and seek new opportunities led them north.

July 2013 the Redmon descendants celebrated their 100th year Canadian anniversary. This reunion, that spanned five decades of family members from the U.S.A. and Canada, reminisced and shared stories of the journey and challenges of Nathan, his wife Goldie, and their six children, (Helen, Adele, Nathan, Audrey, John and Freemon), five of whom were born in Toronto.

The Redmon's first took up residence in a newly built apartment on Grange Avenue and eventually they built their own home at 122 Belgravia Avenue in the Township of York, Toronto. Each of the concrete blocks of this unique structure was individually handmade by Nathan. The concrete bricks with granite face were produced three at a time from a steel form by Goldie and friend Caroline Spencer. Nine decades later, this home still stands tall amongst the many new homes that have been built around it.

This Black family forged its way as trailblazers and became prominent citizens in the community. Daddy Redmon was first employed as a railroad porter like so many other Black men of that era. However, his entrepreneurial and enterprising spirit led him to establish his own business, *Redmon Haulage*. Major developers throughout the city used his company to haul bricks and lumber. The Redmon family clearly had a hand in building many areas of the great City of Toronto from the ground up.

This journal commemorates our reunion and contains some documents that are more than 100 years old that have been passed down from generation to generation. Descendants are seen in the many photos, with a few memorable family tales as told through the *legacy notes*, helping to capture special moments in the journey of this amazing Black and biracial family.

Enjoy perusing the *Redmon Roots Journal*. Our rich history, our enterprising journey, and our unique heritage continues to live on.

Bernice Yvonne Carnegie Daughter of Audrey May Carnegie (nee Redmon)

This journal was created by Bernice Y. Carnegie for the discovery and enjoyment of the Redmon Family. The content was compiled from inherited documents and information from Redmon Family members and friends. It was first printed in 2013 through the generosity of the eldest grandchild Goldie Jeanjacques and distributed to 90 family members who gathered for a weekend reunion to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Goldie and Nathan Redmon settling in Canada. Enjoy reading this journal with the same love from which it was created!

This is intended to be a "living" document with periodical updates as the family shares more stories and adds new descendants.

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Crossing the border

Court of Canadian Citizenship, 55 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto 7, Ontario. (966-6425.)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Then there is Nathan Redmon. who came to Toronto from the United States in 1913. He took a job as a porter, "but realized I had to have security for my family and education for my children." He saved his money five years and then bought a truck and started his own cartage business which grew to a fleet of nine trucks, one of the biggest in York Township. A member of the Truck Owners' Association and the Motor League, Redmon says it was hard getting business at first, "but after I was in. the color line disappeared."

3rd April 1969

This letter refers to Nathan Emanuel REDMON, who was born on 20 December 1882, at Columbia, Missouri, United States of America.

Our departmental records establish that Nathan Emanuel REDMON was granted Certificate of Naturalization No. 30378, Series B, on the 10th January 1933, under Section 9(1)(a).

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Wera Goodman.

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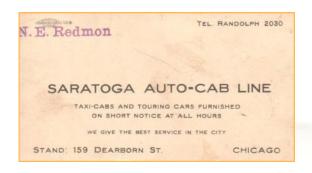
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LEGACY NOTE:

Through the family grapevine and a written hand note, it was learned that two of Nathan's trucks were burned. There is a question mark as to whether this was an accident or they were purposefully torched.

'Red' was the first Black man in the country to be the owner of a haulage business.

From U.S. Cab Driver to Canadian Business Owner



TRUCKS FOR HIRE 10 TONS GROSS.

REDMON HAULAGE.

FLAT, STAKE BODY,
AND
LUMBER TRUCKS.

122 Belgravia Ave.

Kenwood 1386.

1937





Gasoline pump facility—a necessary convenience for fifteen vehicles.



LEGACY NOTE:

Although there was never a "J.A. Redmon Cartage," Grandpa Redmon painted it on one of the trucks for son John.

John Redmon Jr.

↓ September 1942

When money is scarce, rings come and go.

UNREDEEMED GOODS FOR SALE

Tickets are Renewable by Paying Interest Monthly.

Not responsible for loss by Fire, Robberty, or Moth.

H. FRANKLIN, Licensed Pawnbroker
Established 1867. 29 Queen St. West, Toronto

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It became a family affair!

LEGACY NOTE:

Grandma Goldie was an amazing woman. Although her name never appeared on the letterhead, she was the bookkeeper and ran the office side of the business.

It was 'suspected' that Grandpa Nathan could NOT read, as Grandma Goldie <u>always</u> read to him.

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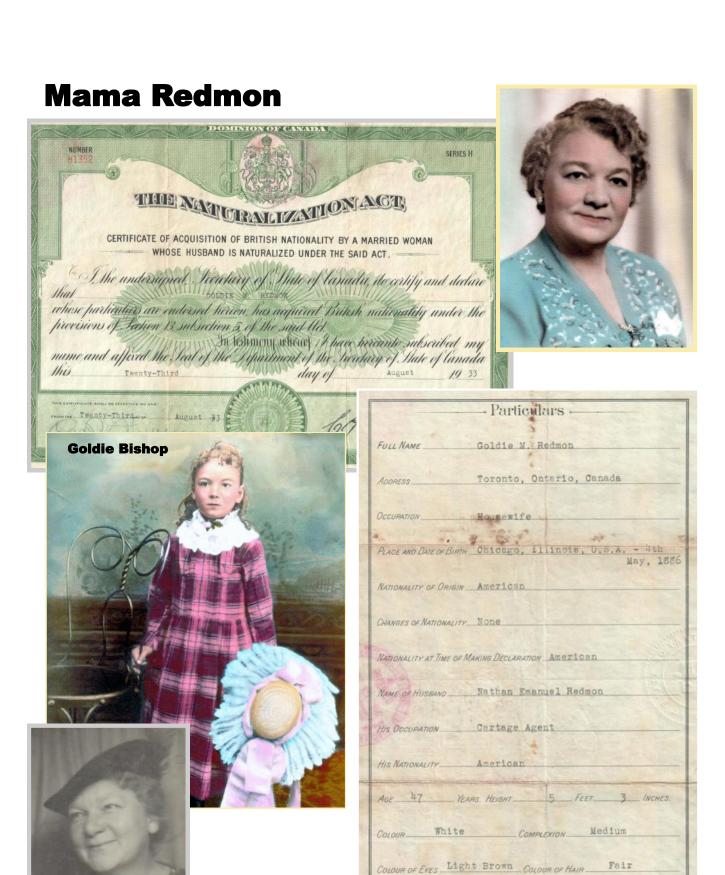
I Certify, that in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of

Toronto, there has been filed by Nathan E.Redmon Senior, Nathan E.Redmon Junior, John A.Redmon, Freeman E. Redmon and Herbert N.Carnegie,

as required by the Partnership Registration Act, Chapter 189, R.S.O. 1937, and amendments thereto, a declaration that they carry on business at the said city of Toronto under the name, style or firm of REDMON HAULAGE

That such declaration is dated 8th May 1946
and was registered on 15th May 1946, as number 58504 C.P.

Dated at Toronto, this 15th day of May Deputy Registrar.



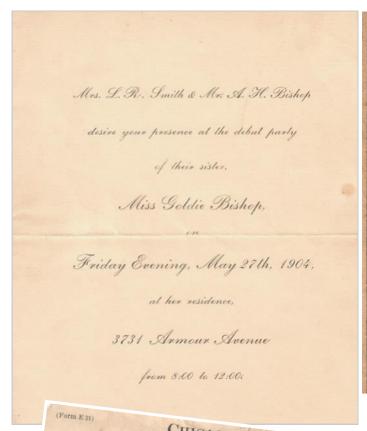
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VISIBLE DISTINGUISHING MARKS Scars on forehead.

CHIEF CLERK OF NATURALIZATION

COUNTERSIGNED.

Miss Goldie Bishop makes her debut



-Miss Goldie Bishop, of 3731 Armour avenue, was tendered a reception and debut party by her brother and sister last Friday evening. The evening was one delightfully spent, and a host of the younger elite were present to welcome Miss Goldie in their midst. The reception hall and dining room were beautifully decorated in red and white. while the parlors were done in American beauties and peonies. An elaborate menu, consisting of six courses, was served, and each guest received a souvenir bell box. Miss Bishop is a bright, intelligent young lady of rare ability. She has completed the common and high schools, finished a course in music and is now studying stenography and telegraphy. She will be at home to her many friends on Tuesdays.

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A taste of the times for Colored People!

Printed on same page as debut article.

First-Class Flats for Colored People.

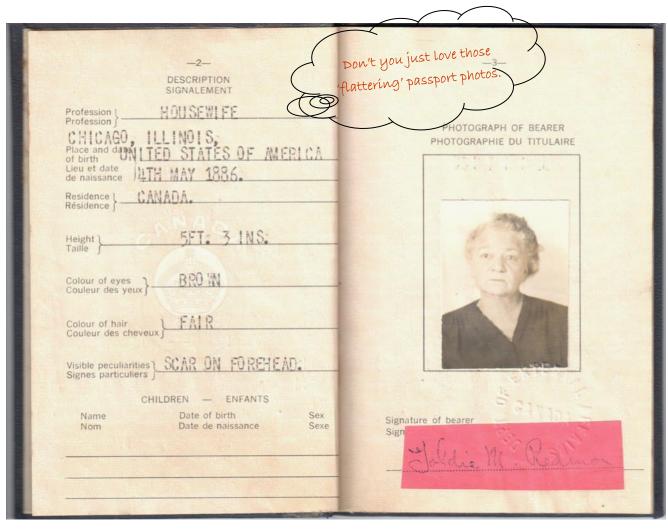
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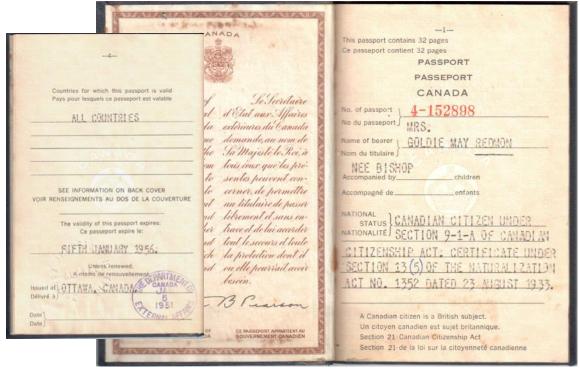
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I also have for sale one 8-room house, which I will sell to a good colored family for \$3,600, and in terms to suit the purchaser's circumstances. Also one brick two-story house on Wabash avenue at \$4,500 and on sasy terms.

Both of these houses have splendid barns in the rear ya.d.

"RECITATIONS OF DRAMAS"





A Once in a Lifetime Trip



Celebrating 50 years

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary was a reception held last evening in Willowdale Community Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Redmon. Their six children, with their husbands or wives, were there and also 15 of their 18 grandchildren. Mr. Redmon's sister, Mrs. Edward Cunningham, arrived with her husband from St. Paul, Minn., and a childhood friend of Mrs. Redmon, Mrs. Mary Wimby of Chicago, is here. Their children are Mrs. Andrew Strother of Philadelphia, Mrs. William Brown of Philadelphia, Mr. Nathan Redmon, Mr. John Redmon, Mr. Freemon Redmon and Mrs. Herbert Carnegie. Mr. and Mrs. Redmon came to Toronto 48 years ago from their former home in Chicago.





Freemon, John, Audrey, Nathan, Adele, Helen with parents Goldie and Nathan Redmon



Family and friends gather to celebrate this

Milestone!







LEGACY NOTE:

Grandpa Nathan did not like to part with his hard earned money. Grandma Goldie, wanting her girls to look good, would slip a few dollars to Mrs. Mitchell, who would buy material for dresses. Mrs. Mitchell would then deliver the material to the Redmon home saying that it was a gift for the family.

Every woman has her secrets!

Freemon Redmon

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A Few Suggestions

Nathan Emmanuel Redmon

Columbia, U.S.A.
December 20, 1882 — July 16, 1963
81 years



Chicago, Illinois May 4, 1886 — June 7, 1969 83 years

| Helen Marion Redmon | Chicago, ILL | January 24, 1913 — January 15, 1981 |
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| Adele Naomi Redmon | Toronto, ON | February 14, 1916 — June 23, 2012 |
| Nathan Edward Redmon | Toronto, ON | May 5, 1918 — April 21, 2013 |
| Audrey May Redmon | Toronto, ON | August 15, 1919 — August 27, 2003 |
| John Arthur Redmon | Toronto, ON | October 04, 1920 — Sep 14, 2009 |
| Freemon Eric Redmon | Toronto, ON | March 20, 1925 |

The way we were!

A little rough around
the edges.

LEGACY NOTE:

These five children were born in Toronto.

Helen the eldest and not shown in this photo was born in Chicago.



Freemon, John, Audrey, Nathan, Adele

Helen Marion Redmon



January 24, 1913—January 15, 1981 68 years



Helen, Adele, Audrey



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OBITUARY

Helen Marion Redmon Strother, daughter of the late Nathaniel E. and Goldie Mae (nee Bishop) Redmond of Toronto Ontario, Canada, was born January 24, 1913 in Chicago, Illinois and departed this life on Thursday, January 15, 1981, after a series of illnesses over the past fifteen years.

On November 25, 1939, she married the late Joseph Andrew Strother and to this union three sons were born.

Helen worked as a Practical Nurse at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia and Riddle Memorial Hospital, Lima, until her health made her leave the nursing field for employment at the Media Courthouse and from there to the Juvenile Home in Lima, Pa., until she retired.

She was a member of the Who's Who Women's Club of Chester, Pa., a charitable organization, serving as corresponding secretary.

She was a member of the Whozits of Philadelphia and also a member of the Courthouse Bowling League.

She leaves to mourn her passing her three sons: Joseph Andrew, Nathan Redmon and James Edward; 3 daughters-in-law, Victoria, Barbara and Vanessa; 7 grandchildren, Gregory, Lisa, Valda, Lorenzo, Joseph, IV, Terrell and Bridget; 2 sisters, Adele Brown Yeadon and Audrey Carnegie of Toronto; 3 brothers, Nathan E. and Freemon E. of Toronto and John A. Redmon of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, two brothers-in-law, William F. Brown and Herbert Carnegie; three sisters-in-law, Bernice, Winifred and Ruby and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sorrowfully, The Family

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

JOSEPH ANDREW STROTHER

September 28, 1907

July 7, 1980



FUNERAL SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1980 - 8:00 P. M.

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH Maple and Bartram Avenues Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

Rev. I. N. Patterson, IV., Officiating Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church Lansdowne, Pennsylvania



OBITUARY

Joseph Andrew Strother, son of the late Joseph Strother and Anna (nee Still) Strother, was born September 28, 1907 in Reading, Pennsylvania and departed this life on Monday, July 7, 1980 at 4:00 P. M., after months of illness.

He was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore, Pa., from a small boy until he joined the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Lansdowne, where he was a faithful and dependable worker for many years. He served with the Men's Day Committee and the Steward Board Easter Sunrise Breakfast Committee. He was an avid supporter of the Sunday School.

In 1939, he married Helen M. Redmon of Toronto, Ontario, Canada and to this union three sons were born.

Andrew retired in 1973, from the Atlantic - Richfield Refining Company, after having been an employee for a period of twenty-six years. He was, also, employed with Tankins Caterers of Philadelphia, as a waiter, for thirty years.

He was an ardent member of the Bethel Lodge No. 47, F. & A. M. - P. H. A., for over thirty years. In 1958, he was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He was honored in 1978 and 1979 by the Masons for his service to his Lodge as Chairman of the Social Committee.

As a community worker, Andrew was a member of the Goodwill Fire Co., No. 1, Oakeola, Darby Township, Glenolden, and served as a Boy Scout Leader of Troop No. 3, Darby, Pa., Valley Forge Council.

He leaves to mourn his passing: wife, Helen; sons, Joseph Andrew, Nathan Redmon and James Edward; seven grandchildren, three daughters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Helen Marion Redmon Strother

Chicago, III January 24, 1913 — January 15, 1981 68 years



Joseph Andrew Strother

Reading, PA September 28, 1907 — July 7, 1980 73 years

Joseph Andrew Strother Jr.

Yeadon, PA

May 2, 1942

Victoria Strother

Eufaula, AL

February 18, 1940 — February 5, 2021

Joseph Andrew Strother, III / Fort Meade, MD / Jun 20, 1969 - Nov 5, 2006

Victoria Valdaye Berry, Eufaula, AL / May 1, 1964

= Andrew Lamont Wright Berry / Willingboro, NJ / April 18, 1980 ф Andrew Lamont Wright Berry, Jr. / Voorhees, NJ / June 12, 2013

= Julius Marcell Berry, Jr. / Mt. Holly, NJ / May 20, 1989

= Tevin Travis Berry / Mt Holly, NJ / June 15, 1990

Lisa Adgerson / Eufaula, AL / March 27, 1962 — February 14, 2021

Calvin Adgerson / Washington, DC / August 11, 1951

= Jasmine Valdaye Adgerson / Voorhees, NJ / April 18, 1999

Gregory Strother / Eufaula, AL / August 26, 1959

Nathan Redmon Strother

Philadelphia, PA

June 1, 1943 — Jan 11, 1988

Barbara Ann Strother

Sportsylvania, VA

Feb 22, 1944 — Oct 16, 2005

Nathan Lorenzo Strother / Danville, VA / Dec 15, 1966 — Dec 14, 1992

Tirrell Quentin Strother / Danville, VA / June 16, 1969

Domingue Kaletta Strother / Washington, DC / March 5, 1971

- = Dyrrick Andres Gant Strother / Silver Spring, MD / March 15, 1991
- = Jirrell Donahvan-Redmon Strother / Washington, DC / May 28, 1998

Bridget Serina Strother / Danville, VA / January 10, 1971

- = Quinten James Strother Johnson / Alexandria, VA / June 14, 2000
- = Alexander Eric James Johnson / Baltimore, MD / September 6, 2005

James (Jimmy) Edward Strother

Philadelphia, PA

Feb. 26, 1950 — Jan. 11, 2004

Vanessa Tidwell

James (Jay) Edward Tidwell / Drexel Hill, PA / May 6, 1982

Helen, Andrew and Family



Adele Naomi Redmon

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February 14, 1916 — June 23, 2012 96 years

Adele Naomi Brown, the second child of six, was born to Nathan E. and Goldie M Redmon, (Deceased) in Toronto, Canada on February 14th, 1916, and departed life on June 23, 2012.

In 1943, she met and married William Francis Brown (Deceased) from West Grove, Pennsylvania. To this union was born three daughters: Adele Frances Perkins, Audrey Marion Coleman both of Willingboro, New Jersey and Janette Anne Robinson Wilmington, Delaware.

Adele was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania since 1952 until she moved to Willingboro, New Jersey and then joined Wesley AME Zion Church in May 2006. In February 2012, Adele was named Mother of the Church. At Bethel A.M.E, Adele was Steward-Secretary, Church Clerk, Church School Teacher, Usher Board Secretary, Bethel Gospel Chorus (Secretary 25 years), the Lucy Still Missionary Society President for 9 years, the Lay Vice President. Adele also was a Girl Scout Leader for 15 years. Adele's political bend was as committee woman for 35 years.

She worked at Media Courthouse in the Treasurer's Department beginning as clerk-transcriber-bookkeeper to Deputy Secretary to the Treasurer for 25 years. Adele's hobbies were knitting, crocheting, water color and acrylic painting. She was an active member of the Willingboro Senior Citizens. Everyone remembers Adele's tasty cakes and "Grandma's good punch".







May 21 2002 Adele Brown is honoured by *Lucy Still Missionary Society* for her dedication and service as President for 9 years.

William Francis Brown, the third child of thirteen, was born to Louis Wesley and Sadonia Hall Brown, (Deceased) in West Grove, Pennsylvania on August 8, 1912, and departed this life on August 8, 2005.

In 1943, he met and married Adele Naomi Redmon from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Bill was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lansdowne, for forty -three years; serving as a trustee, lay member, associate member of the missionary society and usher. He joined Bethel in 1957 under the late Rev. Isaac N. Patterson III. Bill served faithfully in the church kitchen helping to prepare many meals. He was honored for his dedicated service to Bethel in 1984 during the Annual Heritage Day Program.

Bill worked for Sun Ship Building and Drydock for 35 years until retirement in 1978. He was known throughout Yeadon as the 'Man on the Bike; riding until he was 90 years old. He was also a member of the Friendship Circle Senior Citizens.

He was a family man who enjoyed a loving and devoted relationship with his wife Adele for 62 years. He had three daughters, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

WILLIAM FRANCIS BROWN 1912 — 2005 96 years



Always smiling. Always ready to help family.



Adele Naomi Brown

Toronto, ON February 14, 1916 — June 23, 2012 96 years



William Francis Brown

West Grove, PA August 8, 1912 — October 9, 2005 93 years

Adele Frances Perkins (nee Brown)

Philadelphia, PA

Dec 14, 1943

Franklin Russell Perkins / Philadelphia, PA / Jul 26, 1944

Rashell Kelly Perkins-Bailey / Stuttgartt, Germany / Nov 24, 1968

Alcourt Hopeton Bailey / Jamaica / May 5, 1968

= Brittne' Nishell Perkins / Portsmouth, VA / Aug 7, 1990George Francis Lutz / Philadelphia, PA / Aug 15, 1988

ф Aniya Paige Lutz / Westville, NJ / Jul 25, 2012

Earl (Kevin) Minney Jr / Trenton / Sept 29,1989

φ Ava Paris Minney / Mt Holly, NJ/ Feb 14, 2017

ф Avery Preston Minney / Towson, MD / Oct 22, 2020

= Brianna Noelle Perkins / Portsmouth, VA / Apr 29, 1992 Jonathan Askew Jr / Columbus GA / Aug 05,1997

Φ Kenslei Adele Perkins / Mt Holly NJ / Sept 11, 2019

= Brendan Nicholas Perkins / Virginia Beach, VA / May 11, 2000

Ramona P. Reynolds (nee Perkins) / Willingboro, NJ / May 4, 1975

Marc Addison Reynolds / Philadelphia, PA / Feb 2, 1972

- = Vaughn Addison Reynolds / Washington, DC / Jan 6, 2000
- = Cooper Zoe Reynolds / Silver Spring, MD / Dec 24, 2004
- = Jaxon Juno P. Reynolds / Annapolis, MD / Aug 08, 2013
- = Jace Jude P. Reynolds / Mt Holly, NJ / July 23, 2014

Janette, Adele, Marion, Adele Frances, Bill

Adele Francis and family





Adele Naomi Brown

Toronto, ON February 14, 1916 — June 23, 2012



William Francis Brown

West Grove, PA August 8, 1912 — October 9, 2005

Audrey Marion Coleman (nee Brown)

Westgrove, PA

May 14, 1945

Carvol Lamont "Koach" Coleman

Camden, NJ

Jun 9, 1948

Vance William Watson / Philadelphia, PA / Jan 6, 1944 — Feb 1, 2015

Vance William Watson Jr. / Philadelphia, PA / May 30, 1965

Lori Ann Henry / Lancaster, PA / Aug 24, 1966 Thuy Mari Watson / Vietnam / Mar 19, 1969

= Tehya Justine Watson / San Diego, CA / Aug 1, 1999

= Tashawn Jordan Watson / Monterey, CA / Apr 12, 2001—Aug 22, 2014

Victor Wayne Watson / Willingboro, NJ / Feb 17, 1969

Adelia Maria Watson / San Jose, Costa Rica / Nov 10, 1969

= Joshua Tyler Watson / Langhorne, PA / May 12, 1994

= Jarod Tristin Watson / Langhorne, PA / March 21, 1997

= Jacob Thomas Watson / Langhorne, PA / Sep 23, 1998

= Jonathan Tobias Watson / Langhorne, PA / May 5, 2000

Vaughn Wesley M. Watson / Willingboro, NJ / Feb 8, 1972

Joanne Elizabeth Marciano Watson / Buffalo, NY / Sep 14, 1977

= Carmela Francis M. Watson / Brooklyn, NY / Nov 1, 2006

= Carter Francisco M. Watson / New York, NY / May 28, 2010

Janette Anne Robinson Darby, PA Jul 19, 1950

Gregory Robinson Philadelphia, PA June 22, 1947

Kristin Melanie Valdez (nee Robinson) / Wilmington, DE / Sep 2, 1979

Michael Louis Sinclair Valdez / Carrollton, GA / May 7, 1978

= Michael Dallas Alejandro Valdez / Philadelphia, PA / Jan 3, 2007

= Mateo David Aaron Valdez / Lawton, OK / Jul 13, 2009

Kevin Michael Robinson / Wilmington, DE / May 17, 1982

Keondra Dineen Midgette / Honolulu, Hawaii / November 21, 1986

Adele, Bill and Family

Brittne', Rashell, Brendan Perkins, Mark & Ramona Reynolds, Brianna



Koach and Marion





Vance Tashawn Tehya Lori



Dallas, Janette, Gregory, Kristin, Mateo, Kevin, Keondra, Gre





Vaughn, Carmela, Joanne, Carter,

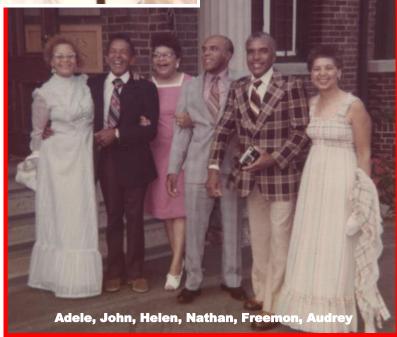
We are family . . .



All my brothers and sisters and me







Nathan & Bernice

Herb & Audrey

LEGACY NOTE:

Brothers and sisters wed.

Herbert Carnegie married Audrey Redmon in 1940.

Nathan Redmon married Herb's sister Bernice Carnegie in 1945.

The Redmons & Carnegies — two Black Canadian families change the face of history.

Nathan Edward Redmon

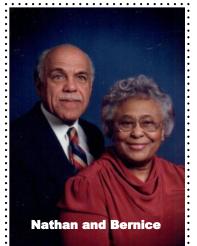




Nathan Edward Redmon (1918 – 2013) was born at St Michaels Hospital on May 5, 1918 to Nathan Emmanuel and Goldie Redmon in Toronto, Ontario Canada. Little did they know at that time that Nathan's ingenuity would result in him distinguishing himself as an inventor; most widely known for Toronto's first split-level home and more recently for his "lawn mower on a rope"! Hundreds of other smaller inventions could be found within his home.

Before completing his schooling, war broke out in Europe in 1939. Nathan enlisted and served in the Royal Canadian Army for $5 \frac{1}{2}$ years. Most of his duty was served in Halifax, Nova Scotia in the RCME (electrical corps).

In 1945 he married Bernice Carnegie, first Canadian born registered Negro nurse. Post war was very stressful for most couples as they were trying to get their lives together. Nathan and Bernice were no exception, helping their brother and sister Herb and Audrey construct a home in the Township of North York (a Toronto suburb). Two years later Nathan started his home a few blocks away.



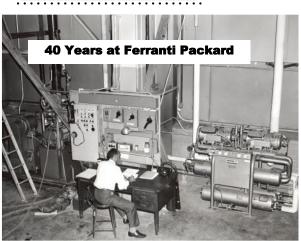
Oops! Bernice gets pregnant and has 2 twin boys who survived for a few days. Oops! Bernice gets pregnant again and has a son, little Nathan (the guy writing this article). Well, this was a real challenge. Some of you who know me now can only imagine what it was like bringing me up as a child. Enough about me, let's move on.

My dad's working career was simple. He started working at the company 'Ferranti' in 1945 and ended working at the same company 40 years later. During those times his interest in working with his son, me, was great. Most of my mechanical skills and abilities were taught by my father.

Bernice, passed away of lung cancer in October 1993 after 48 years of marriage. In 2007 he married Lois Bradley-Bell who was at his side upon his death on April 21, 2013.

He will be remembered as a man that loved to share his many creative talents.

Nathan Paul Redmon





Canadian Army 1941

Lois and Nathan





Bernice Isobel Carnegie 1917 — 1993 76 Years



LEGACY NOTE:

The original nursing cap as seen in the photo has been preserved and is in the possession of the family.

Bernice Y Carnegie

Bernice opened the doors to nursing for Black women in Canada..

Another day with V.O.N.

Bernice Isobel Carnegle was the first Canadian born Black Registered Nurse to work with the Nova Scotia Health Department in Sydney and later to be hired by the Victorian Order of Nurses (V.O.N). She was born in Toronto on October 28, 1917 to Jamaican parents, George and Jane Adina Carnegie, who immigrated to Toronto in 1912. Canada would not train Blacks in nursing in the 1940s and to overcome this roadblock, Bernice attended St. Philip School of Nursing, Medical College of Virginia in the USA. Three years later she graduated as a fully qualified registered nurse. Her work ethic and marks were so exemplary the school offered her a scholarship to obtain qualifications in public health nursing. The Canadian government tried to stop her US visa when the nursing school intervened on her behalf. She graduated with another degree and the rest is history.

Bernice was a member of the Eureka Friendly Club which is one of the oldest chartered clubs in Canada. She taught Sunday School and participated in local church activities. She also sang in several choirs; North York Community Choir, the church choir, and the Grace Trottman Choir. She was also a volunteer for the Children's Aid Society and was on the executive of the women's section of the United Nations Association, Toronto Branch.

Bernice died of cancer on October 23, 1993. She was truly a trailblazer who opened many doors of opportunity especially for Black women.



1942 at St. Philips School of Nursing Virginia, U.S.A.



Nathan Edward Redmon

Toronto, ON May 5, 1918 — April 21, 2013



Bernice Isobel Carnegie Redmon

Toronto, ON October 28, 1917 — October 22, 1993

Nathan Paul Redmon

Phyllis Joan McIntyre

Toronto, ON Montreal, QC

March 12, 1949

January 15, 1957 — June 27, 2016

LEGACY NOTE: Bernice I. Carnegie, Herb Carnegie and siblings were the first Black students to attend Earl Haig in the 1930s. Each of their children also attended this school including Nate (below). Herb was made an honorary director of the school upon its rededication when the school was newly built. In 2012 they also renamed a gym in Herb's honour. Kevin Jeanjacques was the third generation of Carnegie/Redmon's to attend Earl Haig.















Three cheers for the three bromigos!

LEGACY NOTE:

Building their own family homes became a REDMON tradition, starting with 122 Belgravia, York Township, Toronto. Concrete blocks for this home were individually made by Nathan Redmon, Sr. Concrete bricks with granite face were produced three at a time in a steel form by Goldie Redmon and friend Caroline Spencer.

The Three Bromigos followed their parents lead and each, with the help of the others, built homes of their own starting with their sister Audrey's home on Empress.

As of 2021, three of the five homes are still standing!





Brick by brick

There was no running water, no electricity and no sewage hook up to the city.



122 Belgravia Ave York, Toronto Daddy & Mama Redmon 1935 244 Empress Ave North York Audrey and Herb Carnegie 1946 1948 109 Kingsdale Ave North York Nathan and Bernice Redmon 1949 45 Cornelius Parkway Etobicoke John and Ruby Redmon 1950 Freemon and Winnie Redmon 107 Wayne Avenue Scarborough







Audrey May Redmon Carnegie



August 15, 1919 — August 27, 2003 84 years

Audrey May Redmon was the fourth child born to Goldie and Nathan Redmon Sr. She was a quiet and studious individual that took her studies seriously. Following her graduation she went on to Victoria College at the University of Toronto. An avid reader from the early years, upon her passing, her collection of more than a thousand books was donated to schools and other organizations.

She was a devoted wife and caring mother of four, always at the ready for her children when needed. Audrey was often seen at schools walking hand in hand with her husband, Herbert Carnegie, supporting his Future ACES youth initiatives. She was a co-founder of their charity, Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation. Her favourite time of year was to meet the civic-minded students who received their scholarship awards.

Herb and Audrey eloped and were wed in Perron, Quebec in 1940. Herb wrote this about his wife in his memoires "A Fly in a Pail of Milk", "I can't remember what words were spoken when we were introduced, but it's likely most of them were mine. Audrey was quiet and said little. Her eyes, however, spoke volumes (or was it that my own eyes heard volumes?). I found her so attractive that she didn't have to speak — we danced, compared notes and simply felt comfortable with each other. I was hooked from that first night. Given that we've been happily married together over fifty-six years, I consider it the key introduction of my

Audrey took leave of this life in August 2003 after 63 years of marriage with Herbert.

OMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Audrey and Herb on their 50th Anniversary



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LEGACY NOTE:

Audrey was a lover of knowledge — always reading and learning.

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Herbert Henry and Audrey May Carnegie

this year of the millennium, it gives me great pleasure

this year of the millennium, it gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to you on the occasion of your sixtieth wedding anniversary. r contributions to our nation will forever be appreciated.

Jean Chrefien
Prime Minister of Canada
Ottawa 2000

Herbert Carnegie was born in Toronto, Ontario following the emigration of his parents from Jamaica in 1912. He was a resident of North York most of his life sharing a loving partnership with Audrey Redmon for 63 years.

In his youth, he was a talented athlete who enjoyed an outstanding career in the Ontario Hockey Association and Quebec Hockey Leagues. He made history by being part of the only "Black Line" in the semi-pro leagues in the 40s and 50s. Following his hockey career he established the first registered hockey school in Canada. He also holds two national golf titles.

With the unwavering support of his wife Audrey he was able to accomplish many goals. His vision of justice and fair play produced a remarkable code of ethics, called the Future ACES Philosophy. This has been used as a character-building and ethics tool in hundreds of schools throughout Ontario and beyond for more than three decades.

Audrey and his daughter Bernice were co-founders in establishing the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation whose initiatives have enriched the lives of millions of youth.

A few of his acknowledgements include receiving eight medals for good citizenship, being inducted into thirteen halls of fame, being appointed York Regional Police's Honorary Chief of Police and having a school and an arena named in his honour.

In addition to being a role model to many thousands of youth, Herb was a kind, caring and dedicated husband and father.



Herb becomes **Honorary Chief** York Regional Police April 21, 2005



Herb says, "Make attitude your friend!" **Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree**





Herb receives The Order of Canada from Adrienne Clarkson. Governor General of Canada. Rideau Hall, Ottawa, May 14, 2004



Former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Lincoln Alexander, congratulates Herb at his induction into Canada's **Sports Hall of Fame** for his contribution to hockey

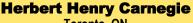
Royal York Hotel November 7, 2001



Herbert H. Carnegie Public School Opened its doors 2008

Audrey May Redmon

Toronto, ON August 15, 1919 — August 27, 2003



Toronto, ON November 8, 1919 — March 9, 2012

Goldie Mae Jeanjacques (nee Carnegie)

South Porcupine, ON

Aug 5, 1941

Lima Lionel Pierre Jeanjacques

Bermuda

Aug 29, 1939 — Aug 9, 1977

Kevin Pierre Jeanjacques / Toronto, ON / Oct 17, 1970

Dale Herbert Carnegie

Timmins, ON

Sep 29, 1942

Connie Diane Carnegie (nee Sesto)

Denver, CO

Nov 14, 1952

Jacqueline Dow Campbell / Pittsburgh, PA / Jul 11, 1941 — Jan 19, 1976

Darren Phillip Carnegie / Denver, CO / March 28, 1969

Peggy Lynn Carnegie / Denver, CO / Oct 10, 1969

= Ton'shuna T. L. Carnegie / Denver, CO / Aug 10, 1993

= Tra'von Adrian Carnegie / Denver, CO / Jun 9, 2007

Christopher Lynn Carnegie / Denver, CO / Sep 30, 1973

Bernice Yvonne Carnegie

Toronto, ON

Sep 7, 1945

Granville George Chambers / Jamaica / April 19, 1942 — 2005

Vaughn Lee Chambers / Toronto, ON / Nov 13, 1968

Ordene Ann Bramwell / Toronto, ON / Dec 5, 1972 — d. Toronto, ON / Apr 25, 2019

Brooke Rose Chambers / Toronto, ON / Nov 29, 1969

Rondel David Mitchell / London, England / Sep 4, 1966

= Kyla Reid Mitchell / Brampton, ON / Aug 2, 1996

Corey Deane Chambers / Bowmanville, ON / Sep 19, 1973

Julie Florence Diplock / Richmond Hill, ON / July 15, 1980

= Jacob Scott Chambers / ON / July 31, 2017

= Keira Deane Chambers / ON / April 22, 2021

Audrey May Redmon

Toronto, ON August 15, 1919 — August 27, 2003



Herbert Henry Carnegie

Toronto, ON November 8, 1919 — March 9, 2012

Rochelle Dianne Carnegie

Toronto, ON

May 21, 1951

Maurice Hopeton Rhodd / Kingston, Jamaica / Mar 2, 1949

Kalimah Randine Rhodd Hadaway / Toronto, ON / Feb 23, 1971

George McGregor Hadaway Jr. / Chateau Blair, St. Vincent / May 12, 1967

- = Nikia Randine Hadaway / Toronto, ON / Jul 28, 1995
- = Bryten Garvey Hadaway / Toronto, ON / May 31, 2010

Tamu Koumba Rhodd Bracken / Toronto, ON / Jul 11, 1972

Michael Frederick Bracken / Owen Sound, ON / May 16, 1969

- = Kyler Christian Bracken / Halifax, NS / Dec 16, 2000
- = Trevor Wesley Bracken / Halifax, NS / Oct 16, 2003 (Twin)
- = Blair Alexander Bracken / Halifax, NS / Oct 16, 2003 (Twin)

Barrington St. Elms Palmer / Jamaica / Nov 7, 1949 — 2008

Rane Barrington Carnegie / Toronto, ON / Jan 2, 1985

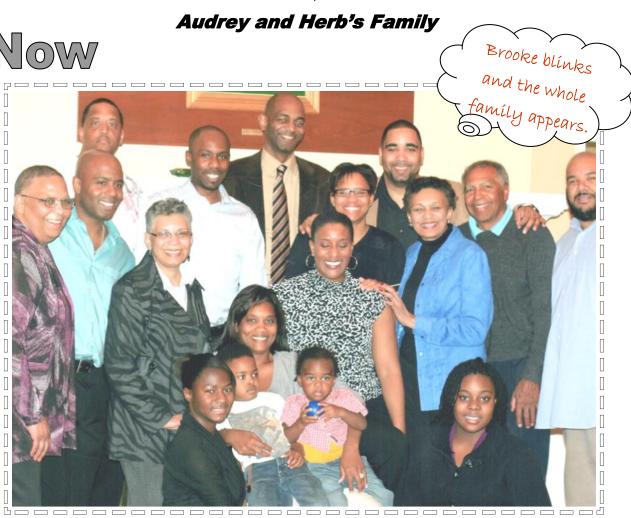
Brooke Michelle Michaelov / Toronto, ON / Apr 25, 1982

- = Myles Herb Carnegie / Toronto, ON / May 11, 2012
- = Mya Audrey Carnegie / Toronto, ON / Feb 17, 2014



Bernice, Goldie, Dale, Rochelle



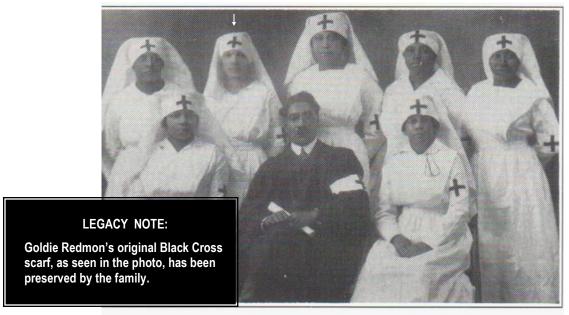


Rochelle, Corey, Darren, Bernice, Vaughn, Kevin, Brooke, Tamu, Rane, Goldie, Dale, Christopher Seated - Nikla, Tra'von, Kalimah, Bryten, Kyla



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Mrs. E. McKenzie

Mrs. E. Barrett Mrs. R. Renwick

Mrs. P. Fox

Dr. E. Jos. Myers Instructor Mrs. G. Tucker

Of Times Past



John Arthur Redmon

Dad would regularly remind us of how important an education was to our future livelihood. Not having completed high school, he toiled his entire life and notwithstanding the enjoyment he would derive from his projects and his work, it took a toll on his body and at times his spirit.

The most cumbersome weight he had to carry was the difficulty of moving ahead, particularly in regard to financial security. He was a genius when it came to anything mechanical, able to repair anything stationary or with moving parts. Unfortunately, lack of formal education held him back from achieving full potential. Notwithstanding, his talent always shone through no matter what he did.

This was equally true of his prowess as a musician where, at an early age, he developed his talent on both the drums and the harmonica. He appeared on the Ted Mack Talent Show on the radio and also made a recording of the tune he played on the show "Marie".

We have fond memories of our camping trips and in particular the usual stop we would make to pitch the tent for an overnight rest prior to continuing in the morning, somewhere along Highway 2 on the St Lawrence Seaway, Hwy 401 did not exist at that time, en route to Montreal (Mom's hometown) where we would spend a portion of our summer in the early years. However, he would often drive non-stop, with us leaving very early in the morning. He was a tireless driver all of his life making many lengthy trips from the Sault to Toronto even up to several months before he passed away.

He was a giving man that would volunteer his time and talent for worthwhile causes as was the case in the years that he spent as an assistant cub master. These were formative years for David and I as cubs and the young scouts.

John Arthur Redmon Jr



October 4, 1920 - September 14, 2009 89 years









RUBY CYNTHIA REDMON 1916 — 2000 84 Years

David, Cindy and I were entirely fortunate in having a mother so caring. I recall mom visiting my family during our posting to Halifax. We lived in Bedford at the end of the Bedford Basin where the ships and escorts had formed up for their dangerous voyages across the Atlantic during WW II. Leslie, me and the children went into town with mom to do some sightseeing and we were very interested in visiting the chapel where she had been christened. Instead of finding the chapel, we found a different building in its place with a plaque on it. The plaque indicated that the chapel that once stood there had been completely obliterated by the Halifax explosion 17 December 1917. Mom had been christened in that chapel shortly after her birth just a year earlier, her family at that time living in Sydney.

We and the world were blessed. During Mom's early years, growing up in Montreal she and her sister Marguerite studied piano with Daisy and Vivian Peterson (Oscar Peterson's Mother and sister). Grandpa Parris was the Executive Chef for the owners of CN and Mom and her sister enjoyed their childhood years travelling back and forth on Grandpa Parris' private car during his train trips from Montreal to Toronto.

Mom devoted her life to her children and was there for each of us both during our triumphs and during our failures throughout our developmental years, always encouraging us to keep moving ahead. She took an interest in everything we did. She also taught us about the importance of assuming responsibility for our actions.

We will always remember our travels to Montreal where in our younger years we spent a lot of time with her family in Notre Dame de Grace (NDG). Mom exuded the joie de vivre of Montreal enthusiastically showing us where she grew up and the parts of Montreal that made life there special. We always looked forward to our visits. She is remembered with the same warmth by her two daughters in law who have both indicated they could not have had a better mother in law.

John Arthur Redmon Jr.

John Arthur Redmon

Toronto, ON October 4, 1920 — September 14, 2009



Halifax, NS April 14, 1916 — October 11, 2000

John Arthur Redmon Jr.
Leslie Roberta Redmon (nee Howard)

Toronto, ON Ottawa, ON

July 31, 1949 May 09, 1951

John Arthur Redmon III / Ottawa, ON / Jul 09, 1980

Rachael Christine Redmon / Ottawa, ON / Feb 03, 1979

David Harvey Redmon

Jacqueline Joan Redmon (nee Thomson)

Toronto, ON Toronto, ON Aug 18, 1951

Sep 11, 1950

Michael James Redmon / Toronto, ON / Feb 16, 1996

Cynthia Marguerite Redmon

Toronto, ON

Jan 10, 1954



Oh my — our brother is looking very handsome and official!



John and Ruby's Family



Freemon Eric Redmon





Self-made man with an entrepreneurial spirit

March 20, 1925 — April 18, 2020 95 vears

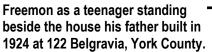
In 1949, our parents Freemon and Winnifred met on a blind date in Toronto, and they had a vision of their future life. They strived together towards achieving it, building their home in Scarborough and raising their family. Both of them have a great sense of humour and a love of life that unite and knit the family together.

Our Dad would often speak of his own family history, singing old jazz tunes and songs of freedom and emancipation. Dad had his own renovating and contracting business and worked hard to support his family. We also went on trips and had many adventures, with our Dad in the lead, as well as spending time at the cottage, traditions he continued with his grandchildren where possible. Devoted to family, he is a great role model, both in the community and in the home, often being referred to as an ideal image of a grandparent even by those he has just met.

While our Dad built the home and the cottage, our Mom was the one who kept the home. Mom loves dance and music and has a beautiful singing voice herself. She nurtured any and all talents that she saw in her children, through education and extra-curricular activities. Mom's understanding of family complements our Dad's; they both wanted to provide their children with opportunity.

Until my father's passing there remained a strong bond and growing love between my parents, and the home they have made for themselves has become a welcome second home for the extended family. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2009 with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren around them.









Winnifred Marie Upshaw May 21, 1949

Cheers to 60 Years!

LEGACY NOTE:

- ♦ Freemon and Winnie married in 1949.
- They bought several acres of property in Scarborough November 1950.
- They lived in the basement while
 Freemon almost single-handedly built
 the home at 107 Wayne Avenue.
- ♦ There was no electricity or water.
- Freemon had to carry water from a block down the street.
- The home had an outside toilette.
- One neighbor sent around a petition to keep them from moving in. Other neighbors refused to sign it. The rest is history. Freemon and Winnie became beloved by all. As of 2021 the family still occupies this legacy.

Freemon worked for his father's haulage business for many years and later started his own contracting business.





The house that Freemon built.

Freemon Eric Redmon

Toronto, ON March 20, 1925 — April 18, 2020



Winnifred Marie Upshaw

Windsor, NS September 4, 1928

Brenda Marie Ferguson (nee Redmon)

Toronto, ON

Mar 01, 1950

Bruce Richard Donald Ferguson

Farm Point, QC

Mar 26, 1946

Michela Marie Ferguson / Ottawa, ON / Dec 29, 1976

David James Barnes / Norris Point, NL / Jan 04, 1974

- = Créa Marie-Becca Ferguson / Jun 25, 2002
- = Logan Joseph William Barnes / Victoria, BC / Nov 07, 2002
- = Zackery James Harrold Barnes / Kingston, ON / Aug 01, 2005
- = Wren Tiernan Ferguson / Toronto, ON / Aug 10, 2007

Tianna Alissa-Mae Ferguson / Toronto, ON / Nov 05, 1979

Terrence Nigel Sookram / Toronto, ON / Oct 21, 1981

- = Daylah Isabelle Sookram / Toronto, ON / Oct 12, 2006
- = Summer Erica Sookram / Toronto, ON / Apr 17, 2008
- = Isaiah David Sookram / Toronto, ON / Oct 18, 2009
- = Caleb Alexander Sookram / Toronto, ON / May 01, 2011

Eric Robert Redmon

Toronto, ON

Feb 28, 1953

Judith Ellen Redmon (nee Harris) / Toronto, ON / Nov 17, 1956

Jonathan Freemon Redmon / Toronto, ON / Aug 09, 1984

Nicholas Frank Redmon / Toronto, ON / Jan 14, 1988

Bernard Freemon Redmon

Toronto, ON

Oct 12, 1955

Freemon Eric Redmon

Toronto, ON March 20, 1925 — April 18, 2020



Winnifred Marie Upshaw

Windsor, NS September 4, 1928

Stephen Erwin Redmon

East York, ON

Aug 06, 1957

Karen Gail Redmon (nee Kresky)

Kitchener, ON

May 18, 1962

Married July 19, 2008

Shelley Jacqueline Solomon / Sault Ste. Marie, ON / Apr 25, 1967 James Stephen Redmon / Scarborough, ON / Feb 21, 1986

Marie Honorine Redmon / Scarborough, ON / Sep 04, 1987

Michael Robert Hayes / Scarborough, ON / Oct 16, 1984

= Marcus Michael Redmon-Hayes / Kitchener, ON / Oct 21, 2007

= Matthew Robert Redmon-Hayes / Kitchener, ON / Jan 14, 2011

Mathew John Downey / Burlington, ON / Apr 4, 1983

= Estenn Stasia Marie Downey / Kitchener, ON / Mar 19, 2020

Melissa Shelley Redmon / Scarborough, ON / Oct 29, 1990

Bryan Daniel Van Dam / Kitchener, ON / Aug 27, 1985

= Devon Stephen Van Dam / Kitchener, ON / Oct 20, 2013

= Jasmine Calliope Van Dam / Kitchener, ON / Nov 27, 2015

Brittany Jacqueline Redmon / Kitchener, ON / Sep 01, 1996

Kathleen Maxine Petrie (nee Redmon) Toronto, ON Aug 12, 1961

William Paul Petrie Toronto, ON Nov 28, 1956

Married May 31, 1987

<u>Daniel William Lorne Petrie</u> / Toronto, ON / Apr 22, 1988

Bryanna Marie Elizabeth Petrie / Toronto, ON / Feb 15, 1992

Leasanne Alicia Tomiczek (nee Redmon) Toronto, ON Apr 04, 1966

Pierre Tomiczek Haiti Feb 16, 1964

Married October 29, 1993

Natalie Alicia Tomiczek / Toronto, ON / Dec 23, 1997

Aline Tianna Tomiczek / Toronto, ON / Nov 12, 2002

Tara Vanessa Reyes-Boyce Toronto, ON Jun 12, 1969

Peter Michael Boyce Toronto, ON Jan 21, 1965

Aidan Eric John Boyce / Toronto, ON / May 31, 2004

<u>Carter Joseph Michael Boyce</u> / Toronto, ON / Jun 27, 2007

Freemon and Winnie's Family



LEGACY NOTE:

October 19, 2021 the City of Toronto paid tribute to the contributions of Freemon by naming a street in Scarborough "Freemon Redmon Circle" (at 971 Warden Avenue)



LEGACY NOTE:

At Freemon's passing April 20, 2020 at age 95 he and Winnie had been married 70 years.

They jokingly recounted that his parents predicted the marriage would never last.

Winnie and Freemon raised seven children and lovingly nurtured 27 grand and great grandchildren.

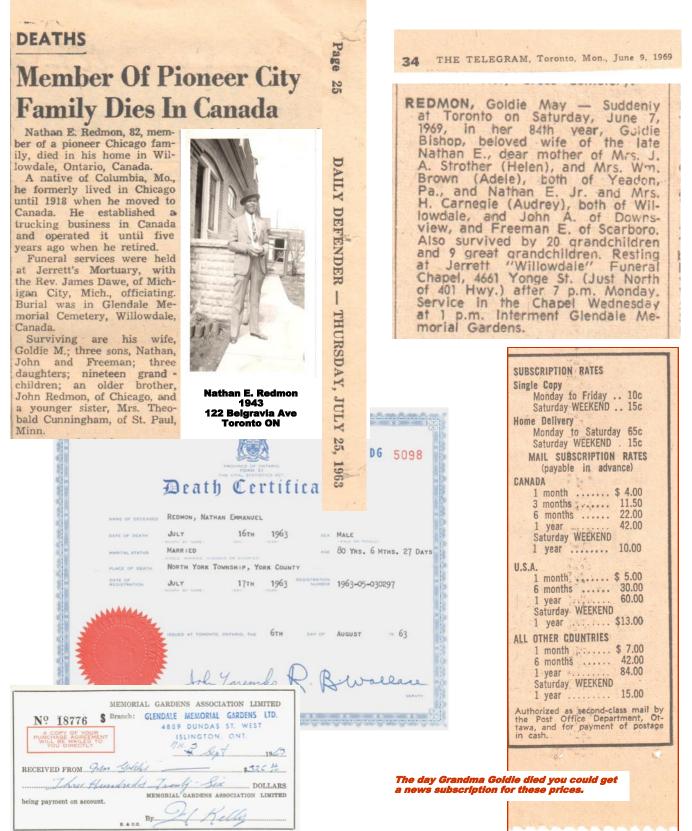
They extended their kindnesses to others by taking in university students who could not afford accommodation while acquiring their education.



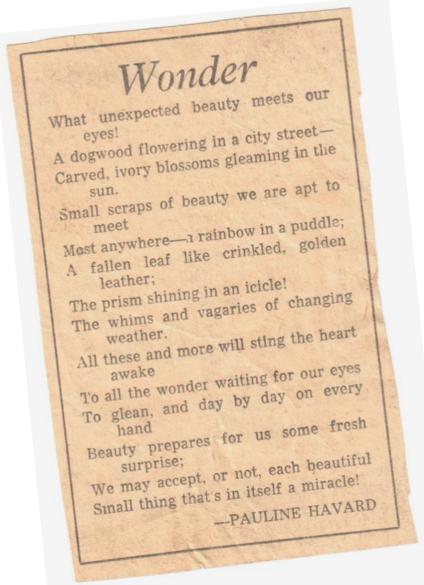
The grands and great grands



The Sun Sets for Two Pioneers



A KEEPSAKE POEM valued by Grandma Goldie Bishop Redmon



Grandma Goldie and Grandpa Nathan made it possible for us to experience the gift of life. May each of us who are their descendants, extended family and friends go forward with a renewed vision of our own purpose. This journal gives a small glimpse of our wonderful heritage, capturing the highlights of those who met the challenges of life, in their times, to pave the way for us. Pay it forward and share your gifts wisely.

We are our forefather's miracles of life!