

Mrs. Fannie B. Brown
304 Madison Street
Buffalo New York 14212

Mr. & Mrs. Donnell/Ann Washington, & Family:
1879 Wildwood Drive
Colorado Springs, Co. 80918

My Dear Neice/Nephew and Family:

Ann, Donald, and children, I love you all. From the time I laid eyes on my darling Nephew's Picture (that is his Baby Picture) back in the early 40's, even unto this day, I have loved you. Your dear family, their pictures bears the resemblance of our family. Their characteristic's, as described by Ann (my darling neice) are with smart characteristics like my brother Henry. He was a very smart student in school and my chief helper in Algebra. He helped me to be an "A" Student in Algebra.

I am next to Henry in age among my mother & father's 8 children, who are as follows, oldest to to the youngest:

James Stephens Washington
P.O. Box 345
Freeport L.I. New York 11520

deceased old

Elconia Washington Brown
6 Winslow Avenue
Buffalo New York 14208

deceased

Henry Thomas Washington - deceased

✕ Fannie Bell (Washington) Brown
304 Madison Street
Buffalo New York 14212 (Phone: 852-7227)

7/6

✕ Oris Comilla Washington
6 Winslow Avenue
Buffalo New York 14208

father lived

George Clarence Washington
407 W. Church Street
Elmira, New York 14901

Edith Missionary
607-737-1083
607-732-7913
607-796-5058

Emma Barbara Washington
(Deceased age 10)

✕ Elizabeth Beatrice Washington
6 Winslow Avenue
Buffalo New York 14208

These are the children of our father and mother Reverend James S. Washington and the late Mrs. Elconia (Mitchell) Washington. Our father lives with Oris.

Cont'd. 2.

We grew up a close knitted family with an early Religious background, founded on a Father who was a Baptist Minister and a Mother, who worked faithfully in the church, singing, giving Christmas Programs and Easter Programs.

There were some conflicts in the family but in spite of these, we maintained a true love for each other - for some reason father and mother were separated, after Henry (Donnell's father) had finished High School and joined the Navy. Our older brother James was at this time in College at Savannah Georgia. Sister, who is Elconia Brown, (older sister) had married and gone to Florida and then to Buffalo New York.

It was at this period our Sister Emma Barbara died being 10 - years old, I (Fannie) was about 16 years old and this is when my sister Elconia suggested that I come to Buffalo and get a job which I needed badly to help out at home. After finishing High School I came to Buffalo. This was a traumatic time in the life of the family. This is how it happened we were in Buffalo and not in Georgia where we originated.

As I said before, "I love you all," not only do I love you all, We your family here have always loved you and wanted to see you all.

My brother Henry grew up a very quiet, patient, kind brother and he was very close to Oris and me. During the summer we worked together on small jobs. Many times during the year we took long walks to grandfather's house which was about 7 miles, each way.

All of this fellowship and our earlier family relationship are worth remembering and often we reminisce all of these things.

Having been in Buffalo since 1942 I've worked on a few jobs In the Plant on Airplane Motors, In a Sewing Factory making Men and Boys clothes, and at my present Civil Service, Report Technician job for Police Department, Detectives Bureau.

The things afore written are mostly natural happenings in our lives but there is a part in my life which really gives life itself to me and that might be called the Godly part of my life or the Religious part of my life.

In Buffalo my life took on a greater meaning; this is where the Lord Saved me. He really changed my whole life. I came to him when I was afflicted and he saved me and healed me. Our church at that time was Zion Church of God In Christ, one which taught and preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ and if you believe it, it works just like the Bible said it will. I received the Holy Ghost and when it came it brought its own language with it as you find in the Book of Acts 2:4. I love the Lord and is constantly seeking how I can please him more. There is a song that the Saints sing, "Fill Me Lord," this is my prayer that he might fill my soul the more. This is a prayer that helps you to keep peace within, regardless to what comes, the Lord is greater than it. He has promised never to leave you nor to forsake you. You can be sure when you allow the presence of the Lord to take over your life everything will be all right.

Every Promise in the Bible (Book) is yours when your life pleases God. He said ask what you will and I will do it. "Whatsoever thing you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and ye shall have them."

I trust that you all will quiet your spirits within and let God Bless you, "Day by Day."

Please forgive me for such a long letter. But this is my first time being able to get a letter through to you all, and its been so long that I didn't even know my nephew and his family.

Tell all the children and Donnell that I love them very much, and you are a darling, I really love you for just trying to contact us. I know you are a lovely neice.

I didn't take time to tell you about my family but maybe next time. My husband is very happy that we are hearing from you all.

Sincerely Yours,

Fannie Brown - (Aunt)