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may 1696 C.A.B
- 1717- Tax of 3 pounds each sale WPHF
- 1730- Earliest census in Providence
128 Negroes-37-7 whites RJD
- 1732- Rhode Island chief slave market
1750 in America CAB
- 1735- Population of R. I., 17935 of
these 1648 Negroes, 935 Indians
*1740 occurred Maxycos 1740 BJD
Newport Gardner, age 14 came to
Newport and sold 1745 JEC-EB
1751 Providence Borden 1711 C.A.B.*
- 1765- School for colored in America
at Newport, Rev. Browne CAB
- 1770- Rev. Hopkins's church excluded
slave holders by vote, aided by
Episcopalians and Quakers ~~see 1773~~
- 1778- In Feb., General Assembly voted
all Negroes, Mulatto's and Indian
slaves enlisting be free. Laws
- 1778- Battle of Rhode Island, 1st Negro
regiment in America fought ES
- 1779- Sale of slaves outside of R. I.,
forbiden. RJD
- 1780- African Union Society formed in
Newport, 11-10-80 CAB
- 1781- RI Negro Ray wiped out at Point Bridge, RI *see 13-81*
- 1783- Beginning of first Negro church
in R. I. JEC-EB became the
union congregational church of Newport in 1858
- 1784- Children born after 3-1-84 of
slave mothers free. CAB
*slave trade abolished 1000th person
1787*
- 1791- Call for Slaves Thanksgiving
Service, 4-28-91 CAB
Isaac E Rice 6-19-11-1866
- 1795- First AME Mission in Providence
1797
- 1797- African Lodge No. 3 F + AMU (P.H.)
in R.I. *see in American U.S.*
- 1800- Above Mission joined the Bethel
Affiliation.
- 1808- School for colored reopened in
Newport, Newport Gardner teacher. *1810*
CAB. *Brown Chapel XX*
- 1797- Harvey Chace B 8-31-97
* native born
*now on Bellevue Ave
Newport*
- 1808- Slavery abolished in R. I.
JB
- Patience 1759-1811*
1811- Prudence Borden died, 1st
R. I. Negro phalanthropist.
RIH
- 1819 date on his book*
1816- George Henry born a slave
in Virginia. 1816-1900 *grand
1st Negro to serve on Surg
1872*
- 1819- Start of African Union in
Meeting House & School House
Society in Prov, land given
by Moses Brown WJB
- 1819 Geo T Downing B 12-30-19 D 7-2-1873*
- 1820- About 1820 free school for
colored on Middle St., Prov.
Miss Gano *1824*
Rev. Gano of 1st Bapt ch in America
- 1824- First Negro church building
erected in Newport CAB
- 1826- Benjamin J. Burton born.
*see 1826 when he died, CAB
1885*
- 1830- Abyssinia Baptist's left
African Union
- 1835- joined R. I. Conference of
Free Will Baptists, became
2nd Free Will Bap. of Prov.
- 1837- Colored left Chestnut St.
Methodist, white to become
AMEZion on Gaspee St. (book
of minutes from 1837 on)
- 1839- Bethel left African Union
- 1839? Colored Baptist church at
Mooresfield, R. I.
- 1840- African Union organized as
Meeting St., Baptist Church.
1840 Rev Malen A Van Horn 1840-1910
- 1841- Michael Tillinghast died,
2nd Negro phalanthropist.
*see his will.
1st Prudence Borden 1811*
- 1841- Christ Episcopal Church, 1st
Episcopal Negro church in
Providence on Washington St.
see churches
- 1845- AMEZion started in Newport,
R. I. on Spring Street
*now on Bellevue Ave
C.A.B*

1860 Last slave in R.I. died June 3 1860
 James Beckwith
 one his last but not
 in Providence

Home of Isaac Rice a station of the
 Underground Railway in Newport
 William and James Streets

1746
14
1780

XX Brown Chapel
 1st colored Bap ch in Providence
 now on Bellevue Ave
 Solving station
 R.I. 1715 1024

E-B 2-135 JEC
James Buffum 1004 to old of
James Buffum Sr., last date to see in R.I.

- 1849- John Mowatt's home, Newport
1st meeting to organize Negro
Masonry. CAB
- 1854- *Beola Cook*
- 1855- Start of fight to desegregate
schools in R. I. ended 1866.
- 1860- James Howland, last slave
died 1-3-59 in R. I. CAB RJD
- 1860- Josephine (Silicone) Yates 1858-1912
1860- Wadsworth Street AMEZION, *Chr 1872*
1st Negro church on west side
- 1862- 6th R. I. Volunteers ordered
and then suspended temporarily
- 1863- 8-28-63, 14th R. I. Heavy
Artillery mustered in, Zebedee
Howland commissioned Sgt. Major.
- 1864- Shiloh Baptist Church org. 5-
10-64. Rev. Jeter served over
40 yrs there. church file
- 1866- Issac A. Rice, 1792-1866,
Planned & planted the CAB
trees in Touko Park Newport, R.I.
- 1866- School desegregation in R. I.,
ended after 11 year fight.
GTD
- 1868- Rev. Malon A. Van Horne came
to Newport, *later* became pastor of
the Union Congregational Chr.
Graduate of Mass CAB.
lived in Wind. Oxford, Pa
- 1869- John C. Minkins, 1869-1959
only Negro editor of a white
newspaper in the U. S.
JCM
- 1869?- Mme. Sissieretta Joyner Jones,
1869?-1933, greatest Negro
singer of her time. EB
- 1870?- Andrew Jackson, 1st Negro
dentist in Prov.
- 1872- George Henry, 1st Negro to
serve on a jury in R. I.
- 1872- *William Aran Heathman, Esq.,
1872-1968. Lawyer

- 1873- William H. Higgins, M. D.,
P. P. Nat Med. Ass'n. Med.
- 1874- John Henry Ballou, 1st Negro
admitted to R. I. Bar, 6-3-74.
- 1874- *William P. H. Freeman, 1875-
Realtor, Churchman, Civic ORG
Leader
- 1875- Rev. Henry N. Jeter called to *all*
Shiloh Baptist, Newport and
served over 40 years. Church
1864
- 1877- Allen Chapel AME, org Prov.
- 1877- Josephine (Silicone) Yates,
1st Negro girl to graduate
from Rogers High in Newport;
grad Normal School, 1879,
possibly the first there. CAB
- 1877- Inman L. Page and George W.
Milford, possibly the 1st
Negro men grads from Brown
- 1884- Ebenezer Baptist Chr., Org. 1854
split from Congdon St Baptist.
Chartered in 1858 Church
- 1885- Rev. Malon A. Van Horne, 1st
Negro elected to the R. I.
Gen. Ass'ly, served 3 years
Legislature
- 1885- Benjamin J. Burton died, 1826-
1885; 1st to drive a bus on
Broadway, Newport. CAB
transferred to 1836
see 1826
- 1886- Sheldon St., Mission started
by sea Cape Verdean in his home.
with wife Manuel Marxin Church
- 1888- *John J. Burch, 1st native born
dentist to reg in R. I..
Dentistry
- 1888- Catherine Tolliver, R. N.,
1st to reg in R. I. Nursing
- 1890- Emily Tolliver, R. N. reg in
Prov. Nursing
- 1889- Shiloh Bap. Mission, James Town
- 1890- *Nancy Elizabeth Prophet born
in Artic. famous sculptress.
Art
- 1891- John C. Minkins came to Prov
to manage the R. I. South
light

see file on press

*native born

Information New England Soc. of American Clubs changed to North Eastern Soc. Women Club

1901-Phyllis Wheatley Club formed to preserve handwriting of noble work

25-4-7

1893- Union Baptist Chr org., in Pawtucket, R. I.

1901- Olney St. Baptist Chr. org split from Congdon St. Bapt Chr. Church

1893- Peter Moore, M. D., 1st Negro to reg in R. I.

1901- Edward M. Bannister, 1828-1901. one of R. I. greatest artists Art

Medicine
Another, Dr. McQuade had been practicing but did not pass the state board Medicine

1903- George T. Downing, 1819-1903. Civil rights fighter & resturanter of Newport & Prov. Dowling book

1894- Marcus F. Wheatland, M. D., reg. 1894; owner of one of the first x-ray machines in R. I. Medicine

1903- Irreproachable Beneficial Ass'n, Prov., org 5-10-03 social-beneficial-charitable still in existance. Misc

1894- Mt. Olivet Baptist Church org. in Newport, R. I. Church

1903- Church of God & the Saints of Christ. org Prov. 1905

1894- George Henry's gift to Ives Post, GAR, No 13

1905- The Marathon Church

1896 Formulation of Northeastern
1896- 200 years, 1696-1986
(North Eastern 3-46) *Jan 1896*

1905- Ethel T. (Robinson) Pinerio possible the 1st Negro grad from Pembroke College, Prov.

1897- Rev. Malon A. Van Horne of Newport, apptd by Pres. McKinley, U.S.Consul St. Thomas DWI. Misc

1907- Macedonia AME Chr. org by Rev. Fisher, also built by him on Colfax St. Prov. Church

1897- *Robert Eben Johnson, apptd 1st speakers page 11 R. I. Gen Assbly
and named with J. Edward Misc file

1910- Irreproachable Ben Ass'n held banquet for Matthew A. Henson, 1-10-10 in club rooms, Prov. Misc

1898- William Hercules Matthews, reg. pharmacist, Newport, 1st owner and operator of a drug store. Pharmacy file

1912- Josephine (Silone) Yates died, 1859-1912. possibly 1st grad State Normal Sch. CAB.

1898- *Thomas R. Lewis, cert RISD 1898-1902, Jewelry designer also tools used in the trade. RISD file

1913- Church of the Saviour, 2nd Episcopal (the Saviour) in Prov. Church

1899- Oeola Cook, barber-inventor, improved on shape of hair clipper sold his half to Brown & Sharpe. *see under 1845-1899* Misc

1915- Mt. Pleasant Bpt Chr, Ap-ponaug, R. I. org. Church

1899- Sarah Gardner of Newport left \$28,000.00 to society to care for her cats. later became R.I.S.C.A. another philanthropist. Misc

1916- Odd Fellows Building completed

1899- George Henry died, gave rare books on the Negro before the Civil War, oil paintings of Sumner to Livingston College, Salisbury, S. C. It is said possible one of the greatest gifts Livingston ever received. philanthropist, civil right fighter
see under 1816

1917- *Mary E. Jackson, Negro YWCA worker in WWI
1918- 2nd largest continous book Negroes left for Camp Devens 8-1-18 Military

* native born

M. C. Fisher in H. Brown 24
Classical High in H. Howard 24
with letters

- 1919- Rose (Butler) Browne, cert R. I. Normal Sch; MA. 28; URI; Ph.D. Edc. Harvard 39; Hon. Ph.D. Edc. R.I.C.E. 1950 Teacher, Author of "Love My Children" c 1969. Teachers
- 1919 ~~Rudolph E. Fisher, in H. Brown~~
- 1919- *Nellie (Occomy) Becker, cert R.I. Normal Sch; teacher in PS NYC; editor and founder-one of the New Englanders, NYC. Teachers
- 1920- *Chester W. Chin, in H. Brown
- 1922- *Alfred C. Perry, 1861-1931, b Exeter, R. I., elected Grand Sachem of the Algonquin Council. Chief Stronghorse. Misc
- 1933 ~~Parr Churchill~~
- 1924- *Perry Watkins, RISD 1924?, designed the sets for "Mamber's Daughters", a N.Y. hit show and others on TV. Art
- 1924- Rudolph C. Fisher, M. D., Classical High; BA Brown, 19; MA Brown, 21; MD Howard, 24; Phi Beta Kappa; X-Ray; in 35 called one of the "Ablest of Negro Writers"; Brown has his original manuscripts. Medicine
- 1924- *Chester W. Chin, M. D., b East Prov., One of the first of two Negro Ophthalmologists to reg in N. Y. Medicine
- 1927- *Mary (Howard) Jennings, RISD 27; BA, Yale Sch of Art, 1935; Portrait and Mural painter. Art
- 1927- *Charity (Bailey) White, RICE 27; piano at Juilliard; grad. Daleroze Sch. Music; Hon MA Edc. RICE 58; taught in the Little Red Schoolhouse, NYC; had TV Sing a Song, WRCG, NYC Teachers
- 1928- Noah C. Wesley, bell ringer and sexton, First Baptist Church in America for 46 yrs. Misc

1929 * William C. Foster
Brown B.S. 29
misc
*Native born
came to Hahneman with Boericke when it changed from Homeopathy to Reg Sch of medicine

1929 * William Clarence Foster B.S. Brown 4

- 1933- Mme, Sissieretta (Joynor) Jones. 1869?-1933. "Black Patti", one of the world's greatest Negro singers. Her career started and ended in Providence. CRG
- 1931 ~~Arthur C. Perry~~ PB 9-31
- 1931- Joseph E. Brown, the only living R. I. living crew member of "Old Ironsides" when she tied up at the State Pier in Providence. Misc
- 19-11-44
- 1-25-34
- 1932- Charles A. Battle, published a pamphlet, titled, Negroes on the Island of Rhode Island, Newport, 6-14-32. Misc Redwood Library, Newport.
- 1933- ~~Mme Sissieretta Joynor Jones died~~
- 1934- Pleasant St. Baptist Church, org. Westerly, R. I. Church
- 1935- A Negro group added to the R. I. Tercentenary Committee, wanting to write a history of the Negro in R. I. Misc
- 1936- William H. Higgins, M. D., died 1873-1938; past president, 1935 National Medical Ass'n; Apptd by the Governor, member and elected chairman, R. I. Bd. of Podiatry, 1936; Med.
- 1939 John Hope Com Assn incorp.
- 1949- *William C. Foster, PhD came with Boericke to Hahneman when it changed to the regular school of medicine; research chemist. Misc
- 1940 ~~once passed conference~~
- 1940 ~~from Chicago and~~
- 1946- *Emma Clarissa (Williams) Clement, wife of Bishop Clement, mother of seven PhD's, elected "American Mother, 1946", the first and only Negro woman so honored. Misc
- 1946- 250 years, 1696-1946
- 1950- Rose (Butler) Browne, PhD the first Negro woman to receive this degree from Harvard Univ. Teacher and author; "Love My Children" c 1969; hon PhD Edc, RICE 1950 and building named after her

- 50 *Rose B. ...*
- 50 *C.R.G. appointed by Gov. Pooler to R.I. Commission on Children & Youth*
- 52 *William F. Johnson 90 ...*
- 1953-* Commander Reeves Ramsey Taylor, USN; 1st Negro graduate from a U. S. service academy. *Military*
- 1953 *St. W's ...*
- 1953- St. James Baptist Church, or Woonsocket, R. I.
- 1955-* Raymond T. Jackson, b Prov., pianist; prize winner, Marguerite Long International Piano Competition, Paris, France, 1965. *Music*
- 1956-* Major Roger Reckling Blunt, USA; acting CO Corp at West Point graduation. *Resume*
- 1956-* Reberta J. Dunbar, died; a Women's Club organizer; Historian; b. Narragansett Pier, *Churchwoman.* *Misce*
- 1956-* Jesse Chapman, b Prov., Pianist; scholarship to N. E. Cons. of Music; also Chadwick Award winner, 1956.
- 1957- Prudence (Higgins) Irving gets "No. 2 Post, R. I. Dept., of Public Welfare; BA; MA. *Misce*
- 1957-* Arthur B. Williams, III., SEB; 1st recipient of the Clarence C. Horner Award from Grace Church, Prov. *Misce*
- 1957- Okogbue Okezie, M. D., 1st Black to interne in a gen. hospital in Prov. *Medicine*
- 1958* *Charity Bailey* *Medicine*
- 1959- Joseph G. LeCount, Esq., of Prov., apptd by Gov. Del Sesto, Legal Counsel, R. I. Milk Commission. *Misce*
- 1960-* George F. Bland, East Prov., one of a team of IBM engineers "Einstein Proves Out", Newsweek 1-18-60. *Misce*
- 1962- Neville Beaubien, East Prov., named R. I. Banking Commissioner, 1st of his race so honored *Misce*
- 1963-* William H. (Dixie) Matthews, Prov., apptd, 2nd Deputy City Clerk of Providence. *Misce*
- 1959- John C. Minkins, Pawt., 1869-1959. Claims ot be the only Negro editor of a white newspaper in the U. S. *Prov. News Press*
- 1960* *George Francis Bland* *see Newsweek Jan. 18, 1960*
- 1960-* Nancy Elizabeth Propnet, 1890-1960; b Artic, R. I. famous sculptress. *Art*
- 1963- Alton W. Wiley apptd R. I. Ass't District Attorney. *Law*
- 1963* *William H. (Dixie) Matthews*
- 1966- *Roy D. Hudson, PhD came to Brown Univ., as asst. Dean graduate school; teacher in medical sciences. *Misce**
- 1966 Roy D. Hudson, PhD; Assoc. Dean; Ass't Professor, Medical Sciences; 67-69 R. I. Comm. Economic Development, apptd by the Governor. *Misce*
- 1966-* Robert J. Robinson, M. D., b Prov., 7-2-18; apptd by Dr. Goddard, acting director, FDA bureau of medicine. EB 3-19-66
- 1966- Capt. Thomas D. Farham was apptd to Captain at the Quonset Naval Air Station Becoming the highest ranking Negro in the Navy. EB 3-22-66
- 1967- Bannister House, the new name for the Home for Aged Colored Women, 45 East Transit St., Prov., R. I. *Misce*
- 1967-* Sirrouka A. Howard, b Prov., apptd HUD expeditor for the Prov. area. EB 4-18-67 *Regional representative HUD EB 3-11-69*
- * native born
- 1967 Proposal by Edw. C. Bakes, Evrol Hunt, William Brown & Gerald Blunt to Mayor Quonset to buy city property, renovate & sell to negroes in S. Prov.
- GROSS P. 449

1967-*William P. H. Freeman received the Realtors Award for service Misc

1969- William A. Brown, 2nd Negro dean apptd at Brown. EB 2- 288 27-69

1968-*Kenneth R. Walker, East Prov., named vice principal, East Prov. Central Junior High Sch. SJ 6-9-68 Teachers

1969-*Vernon J. Lisbon, apptd Dir. Southern N. E. Conf. of Christians and Jews. EB 3-8-69

1968- Alton W. Wiley elected President URI Alumni Ass'n. SJ 6-9-68

1969- Mrs. Tiajuana F. Emanuel apptd. Admission's Aid, Pembroke College. EB 4-8-69

1968- Frederick C. Williamson received the Brotherhood Award, Nat. Conf. Christians and Jews EB

1969- Dr. Charles H. Nichols, apptd Chr. Afro-American Studies, Brown Univ. EB 4-25-69

1968- Alfred Martin, Providence, has been purchasing specialist, Research Dept., of the Foxboro Co., Foxboro, Mass. Misc

1969-*Horace E. Craig, Providence, promoted to be Lt., Prov., Police Dept., (2nd) EB 5-29-69

1968- Clifton Moore, apptd head of Buisness Opportunities, Inc., Prov. EB 9-20-68

1969- Henry J. Moniz, Jr., E.Prov. apptd. R. I. State Trooper, 1st black. EB 6-21-69

1968- Rev. Arthur L. Hodge, apptd. Director, R. I. State Dept of Community Affairs. EB 7-29-68

1969- Mrs. Ann D. Hill, 1st Negro apptd. Prov Sch Committee will resign to become Exc Dir. John Hope Settlement House, Prov. EB 7-23-69

1968- Archie L. Buffkins, Phd., apptd Chr. Music Dept, R.I. College. EB 9-29-68
Heracles M. Parker

1969- Jarvis D. Jones, former vice principal of Hope High, apptd to the faculty of RIC. EB 7-30-69

1968- Alton W. Wiley, apptd Vice President, Student Affairs, URI. EB 11-7-68
1969 Vernon J. Lisbon of new part apptd. one of the nine members to the R.I. State Bd of Regents EB 9-12-69

1968- Edward L. Blue, East Prov., apptd Chief Examiner, R. I. State Banking Div. EB 11-29-68

EB- Evening Bulletin
PJ- Providence Journal
CAB Charles A. Battle Phamplet
RJD Reberta J. Dunbar
CRG Carl R. Gross, M. D.

1968- Frederick C. Williamson, apptd by Gov Litch, Dir R. I. Dept. of Community Affairs.

W.A.B. William J. Brown Book
Files compiled by CRG
Art; Churches; Brown and Pembroke; Clubs and Organizations; Dentistry; Education; Inventors; Law; Legislature; Medicine; Military; Pharmacy; Press; Nurses;
September, 1969

1968* George Wiley EB 12-27-68
Dir. Nat Welfare Rights of R.I. EB, 5-31-68

1969-*Victor A. Tabor, Providence, presented a citation from the President's Council on Youth Opportunity by the CO, Quonset Naval Air Station EB
1968 Carl R. Gross, M.D. was awarded a R.I. C 7-2-68 on Negro History in R.I.*

1969 12-17-69 Heatis L. Matthews out of 5000 names chosen to receive the EB, 12-19-69 EB, Phillip L. Addison of 11 apptd named community worker Urban League of RI*

1970 Chas. J. McDonald head

D.S. Inc at T
Howard med in T
ma. mar. mch in T

head and Dermatology

Asst Gen Prof and

Asse. Prof med science

Brown Univ EB 1-19-70

5-10-70 J. B. de Cunnissey + Mother's Day Award
Award to Mrs Dolly Costa sec. cl. B.A 1903

6-7-70 Fred ^{Wells} Wellanson
Hon. Dr. Humanities from
Our Lady of Providence
Seminary, Warwick R.I.

6-6-70 Carl R. Zorn Hon
Dr. Humanities Col College

6-19-70 Dr Samuel Bellvit
Professor hon. dr. Pedagogy
& main speaker at Bryant
College, Conn. Ct

7-9-70 Jarvis W. Jones ^{1st} head.
Principal in Port Schools
Native Bishop for High

7-17-70 Wanda Small a senior
in English at Spellman Col
Atlanta is a summer return of
Port Journal as copy editor

8-10-70 Edwynth R. Warner ^{E.B. 7-14-70} ^{former} and Principal ^{E.P.} for High
to be asst professor of education at R & Col 9-1-70

10-17-70 Letter about death of ^{H.} Leonard from
John T. Rusillo 2 miles ^{over} Johnston R.I. 02919 GROSS P. 451

- 11-6-70 Invitation to be guest of honor at Phi Alpha Theta coffee hour
- 10-17-70 H. Leonard Peter's death 2, 1970, 3-4, 30 P.M.
- 11-70-* Robt Moss, Jr awarded 500 scholar-ship from the Union at the outlet to Prof
- 12-2-70 address by E.R. & D.L. Col

12-16-70 Prof. Andrew H. Griffin to reorganize the Faculty School for Boys

1-19-70 in January letter Director has the Faculty & various officers of Faculty College, Conn. Col.

5-4-70 favor of your lot book. Transferred in our interest. Positive transfer for book.

5-17-70 transfer transfer a number in regard of different Col. interest in a common interest.

Out former on copy letter
 8-10-70 letter to Dr. W. W. ...
 10-17-70 letter about ...
 11-14-70 E.R. ...
 12-1-70 ...

- 1902-*Thomas R. Lewis, Jr., jewelry designer, graduate of the School of Design, 1898-1902. owner and operator of a jewelry buisness around Sabin Sreet hiring as many as 50-60 girls, Negro and white. He solved a process to prevent the running together of different colors of enamel while baking, and he designed a compact for Richard Hudnut which sold all over the country. He was one of the early Negro members of the Y.W.C.A and an ardent member of the What Cheer Tennis Club, helping to put in the tennis courts on Willett Avenue, East Providence, now a post home for Riverside Post, American Legion.
- 1902 *George F. Bowring 1819 - 1903*
- 1905- Ethel Esther Tremaine Robinson PhB Pembroke Col. 05. grad std Phil 34-35. the first Negro graduate of Pembroke College in Brown Univ. (Mrs. Joaquin H. Pineiro y Mora) taught at Howard Univ, D. C. Married and left for South America. Came back to Providence, worked on W.P.A., then on relief when she died. Her family lived in the Tillinghast estate house at Pine and Beacon Avenue while going to school here. (C.R.G.)
- 1918- One of the largest contingents around 200 draftees from Rhode I Island left for Camp Devens, Mass., August 1, 1918. W.W.I.
- 1919 *Rose Butler Browne Ph.D. Edc*
- 1919- Rudolph Chauncey Fisher. Classical High cum laude, AB 19, AM 20, Brown Univ. cum laude, class orator, M. D. Howard med 24, PhiK, Sigma Xi, Delta Sigma Phi, X-ray, practiced in New York, Critics claimed him the most prolific writer of his time, The Walls of Jericho, High Yellow etc. His original manuscripts are at Brown Univ. (Brown catalogue of graduates, C.R.G.)
- 1919* *Helie (Occomy) Becker R.I. State normal 1919*
- 1920-*Chester Wellington Chian PhB 20-AM 21, Brown Univ. MD. Mich 25. East Providence schools lived in East Providence, practices in New York city, one of the first two Optalommologists to be licensed in New York state. (C.R.G.)
- 1922 *August L. Terry* 1861 - 1931 Grand Lachem, Algonquin Council*
- 1924-*Perry Warkins RISD 1925-26 scenery design He designed all the sets for "Mamba's Daughters" a smash hit in New York. (C.R.G.)
- 1927-*Mary Cuppitt (Howard) Jennings RISD 27-31-32, BA Yale Sch of Fine Arts, 35 portrait painter. Won a four year scholarship while at Hope to the School of Design. She painted a portrait in oil of former Governor Theodora Francis Greene also some murals in a building at the University of Rhode Island, now a teacher in the Providence school system. (C.R.G.)
- 1927* *Charity (Barley) White Teacher musical composer*
- 1928- Noah C. Wesley 1855-1928 Sexton and bell ringer of the First Baptist Meeting House in America, 46 years from 1882 to 1928. He died at the Rhode Island Hospital 8-20-28 and his funeral was preached by the Rev. Edward Holyoke, the pastor and the honorary pall bearers were Deacons Frederick R. Chapin, Arthur E. Watson, Foster E. Townsend and Clinton T. Gamwell. In Revolutionary times it rang at sunrise, mid-day and curfew, now the times have changed. In the old times curfew rang twenty slow strokes. In his later years, Mr. Wesley was excused from bell ringing as a concession to his age. (see Miss R. J. Dunbar's note book also comments by Mr Arthur E. Watson,)

1910- The Irreproachable Beneficial Association held a banquet in their club rooms, 923 Westminster Street, January 10, 1910, in honor of Matthew Alexander Henson who accompanied Commander Peary to the North Pole. Henson trudged the last remaining miles, recording observations, calculating a true course became the first man (Negro) to reach the pole. Peary lay exhausted and crippled with frost-bite did not arrive until forty five minutes later and together planted the American flag there. After the meal, the first speaker was introduced by the toastmaster, Dr. James A. Gilbert, former Mayor Patrick J. McCarthy who congratulated Mr. Henson on being able to participate in this great event. Other speakers introduced were Lawyer I. C. Dade and Lawyer E.B. Jordan, both from New Bedford; Mr. George E. Becket, James E. Dixon, Lawyer William A. Heathman from Providence and William H. Matthews of Newport, the first Negro owner and operator of a drug store in Rhode Island. The committee of arrangements were William H. Bland, William Garrett, Frank King and Ambrose Johnson.
(Prov Eve Bul Jan. 11, 1910 C.R.G. 7-69 Prov.)

1929-William Clarence Foster PhB- 203rd st biol 29-30 Brown; MSC Minn 39; res physiologist, Hanheman Med Col, Phila, Pa. He came with Boericke from Minnesota when the change was made to a regular school of medicine with others from Penn, John Hopkins, Cincinnati etc as heads of departments. He told me he had written about 67 papers and that Brown had requested his original manuscripts. (C.R.G.)

1931-Alfred C. A. Perry, Chief Stronghorse, Grand Sachem of the Algonquins in this section was born in Exeter in 1861, died in Cranston, September of 1931. He has headed the council for 24 years since its reorganization in 1922. Under his leadership the customs of the tribe have been revived at several annual gatherings. He had charge of the building of many of the roads in Cranston working for the highway department. His farm on Dugaway Hill (Scituate Avenue) was the scene of many tribal meetings. He was fond of horses, owning a paver which he raced and a large span of farm horses which competed in weight dragging hence the name "Strong Horse". The council still exists but inactive and his daughter, Mrs. Annie (Perry) Farrow has the minutes since 1922. (Eve Bul 9-31)

1933

mine Lissacette Jones died 1867 - 1933

1931- In 1931 the U. U. S. Constitution, "Old Ironsides" tied up at the state pier and Joseph E. Brown was the only living R. I. member of her crew, being piped aboard with honors. A copy of his discharge is in the files of the R. I. Historical Society. (C.R.G. - Eve Bul 7-10-31)

1938- William H. Higgins, M. D. B. 18-14-73- Darton. N. C., D Providence, 8-23-38, reg. to practice of medicine in 6-1-03. He was a member and chr. Trustee Board of Winter Street A. M. E. Zion Church; many fraternal societies, Prov. Med Ass'n, R. I. Med. Society, What Cheer Med. Society B. I. state affiliate of the National Medical Society, (Negro) of which he was a past president; Appointed as a member and became chairman of the R. I. State Board of Podiatry in 1936. (C.R.G.)

1939

1935- *Articles of incorporation filed 5-11-39 John Hope Garrisonally Ass'n June*
At the suggestion and request of the Prov; branch of the N.A. C.P.; a group of Negroes were appointed to the R. I. State Tercentenary Committee, various members assigned different categories with the intention of writing a history of the Negro in R. I. Carl R. Gross, M. D., was secretary of the committee (original minutes in his possession) and from notes gathered, the basis of these papers came to being. (see bibliography)

1946-Emma Clarissa (Williams) Clement, native of Providence, R. I., was chosen "A,erican Mother of 1946". Mrs. Ruth M. Worrell of New York city, executive secretary of the United Council of Church Women nominated Mrs. Clement and her election was announced by Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., American Mother of 1945 from almost 60 nominees from all over the country. Member of the 2nd Free Will Baptist Church, attended local schools, left to go to Livingston College, where she met her future husband who later became bishop of the A. M. E. Zion church in Louisville, Kentucky. Seven children all graduates of Livingston, all Ph.D's, including the president of Atlanta University. (Prov. Eve Bul June 1946-)

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1953-*Reeves Ramsey Taylor, b. 3-6-29; honor roll and Anthony medal winner, Hope High; Appointed to Annapolis in 1948 by Senator Theodore Francis Green, graduating in 1953 as an Ensign. He is married to Gloria Beaubien and has three boys, possibly the first native Negro appointed to a service academy. He is now at the Pentagon in the U. S. Navy Bureau of Personal. (C.R.G.*1968)

*1955 * Raymond T Jackson*

1956-* Roger Reckling Blunt, born in East Providence, 10-12-30. He was drafted ~~in his senior year~~ at Brown and from the ranks entered West Point in 1952, became commander of the second battalion, graduating in 1956, acting regimental commander. the second R. I. Negro to graduate from a service academy, he was 72nd in a class of 479. Major Blunt in 1967 was the first Negro officer assigned to teach at the Dept. of Tactics at West Point (Prov. Eve Bul., 7-13-67). He is now a Colonel. He is married to the former Rosette Y. Hendricks and they have three children. (C.R.G.)

56 Jesse Chapman grad in Econ & history of music

1956-*Reberta J. Dunbar, 18 -1956, Negro historian, club women, church woman died October 31, 1956. She was the daughter of John D. and Louisa (Cartwright) Dunbar, born in Narragansett Pier, R. I. grad. English High, Providence, R. I. A trustee of the Frederick Douglass Home, past president of the North-eastern Federation of Colored Women's Club, for 40 years a member of Grant Circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, charter member of the John Hope Settlement House, member of the Julia Ward Howe State Republican Club, more than 20 years, treasurer of the Providence branch of the NAACP., the only woman member of the Marathon Club, president of the Women's New Century Club of Providence, which founded a Home for Working Girls, member since early childhood of the 2nd Free Will Baptist Church of Providence, had been clerk and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.. (C.R.G.)

1956 Roger Reckling graduated from West Point by

1957-"Prudence (Higgins) Irving gets No 2. Welfare post", Prov. Eve. bul, 3-6-57.) Classical High, Prov., Howard Univ., Simmons Col of Social Work., MA Pittsburg School of Social Work. Appointed by Edward P. Reidy, ststa director of Social Welfare as chief supervisor, Div. Public Assistance. retired from her state job and is now Staff Specialist, Bureau of Family Service Dept. H. E. W., stationed at Boston, Mass. (C.R.G.)

reception

1957-*Arthur Benjamin Williams, BA Brown 57; STB Gen Theol Sem 64; min; Lt. jg U.S.N.; first recipient of the Clarence Ho Horner Fellowship Award, 64-65; asst to the rector, St Marks Episcopal Church, Riverside, R. I. 66; appointed asst to the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Providence, R. I. 68; Left to serve an Episcopal Church in Detroit, Mich. (C.R.G.)

The first non white to receive in a gen hos in Prov was

1957- Okogbe Okezie, M. D. Harvard Med. 1957. first non-white to serve an internship in a general hospital in Providence, R. I. (see file on medicine, C.R.G.)

1955 letter from Louise Chapman

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1953- Reeves, Ramsey Taylor, honor rool and Anthony medal winner at
1921- Hope Nash was born in R. I., 3-6-29. Her non-ante to

an Episcopal church in Detroit, Mich. (C.M.C.)
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Church, R. I. 1951- Her description of the Providence No. 10
1921- Mrs. Benjamin Williams, by whom she was born and

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1959- Joseph G. LeCount, Esq., was born in Washington, D. C., in 1887; came to Providence in his early youth, Providence elementary and high schools; Howard University School of Law, 1912, admitted to practice in 1914 and still in active practice 1968; Past Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of R. I.; member of the Supreme Council 33', northern jurisdiction, A & A. S. R.; charter member and past president of the Manathon Club, chartered in 1904; still active; past president of the Providence branch of the NAACP; first president for 8 years of the N. E. Regional NAACP and now president emeritus; member and former secretary of the John Hope Settlement House; member of the R. I. Tercentenary Committee; sworn in as legal counsel of the R. I. Milk Commission by Governor Del Sesto 4-9-59, the first of his race to be so honored. (CRG)

1960- *George Francis Bland b Providence, January 6, 1927; East Providence elem and high; BS, Brown 1948; MDC, Ill., 1950; He was employed by GE upon leaving Brown and later went to IBM. He worked in a team of engineers, under John F. Cederholm who worked for over a year upon an experient, "Einstein Proves Out",...Bland's Beams" as he explained the process to Newsweek reporter; "Townes commented, this experient which has an accuracy of one part in a million millionth, may represent the most precise experiantt ever conducted by anyone". (Newweek 1-18-60) (CRG) He married Barbara B. Brown of Warren, Ohio while she was at Pembroke College, later receiving her bachelor degree in New York. They have two sons. (CRG)

1962- Neville Beaubien was named R. I. Banking Commissioner by Andrew A. DePrete, director of the Dept. of Buisness Regulation, the first member of his race to be appointed to a policy making position. He went to the industrial National Bank in 1951 from the financial section of the Veterans Admission and in 1955 he was sent to the East Providence branch of the bank where he was later made assistant manager until he received his state appointment. He later went to Los Angeles, California to become the vice president and finally president of a newly formed bank there a position he held until his death, May 2, 1968. Hew married to Honora Williams, formerly of Providence and they had two sons, David Dummer and Michael Charles. (Eve Bul 5-2-68, CRG)

1963- William Howard (Dixie) Matthews was appointed second deputy clerk of the City pf Providence, 2-7-63. He had been active in the Democratic party for years and a city employee since 1946; was secretary of the 3rd ward democratic committee; went to Providence College where he played foot-ball; graduate of old Technical and later played professional foot-bal with the Providence Steamroller's. He was elevated to the 1st Deputy City Clerkship in September of 1963. (Prov. Jour 2-8-63...CRG) He is a member of the Holy Name parish and is married to Catherine Mabray of Providence.

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John De Long 2nd

- 1968- Vernon Lisbon of Newport appointed a member and chairman of the R. I. Commission on Discrimination, the second non-white. John F. Lopez, Sr was the first non-white member on the first commission. (C.R.G.) *1969 Director of Christians & Jews*
- 1968- Alton W. Wiley, URI 1951; former assistant U.S. District Attorney of R. I., was elected the first Negro president of the URI Alumni Association. (Sunday Journal 6-9-68 C.R.G.)
- 1968- *Kenneth R. Walker, *Appointed* ~~the~~ *E.P.* first Negro vice principal of a junior high school in R. I. He graduated from the East Providence Senior High, his bachelor degree from Providence College and his master's at Rhode Island College. Chairman of the E. P. Head Start advisory group; a Big Brother, member of the R. I. Guidance and Personal Association; staff member of Project Upward Bound. He is married to the former Gail Smith and have three children. (Sunday Journal-C.R.G.) 5-26-68.
- 1968- Frederick C. Williamson 33rd PH, was awarded the bronze Brotherhood award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; past president Urban League of R. I.; a director of the Progress for Providence Inc; past Grand Master Prince Hall Grand Lodge of R. I; member of the 33' Supreme Council, A. & A. Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction; Communicant and former member of the vestry of St. John's Cathedral; married, one son; has a responsible job at Quonset Naval Air Station. (C.R.G.) (Eve Bul 4-26-68)
- 1966- " R. I. Has Navy's Highest-Ranking Negro" *Capt Thomas B. Parham, USN, Chaplain* Eve Bul 3-22-66. He is the second Negro in Navy history to attain a captaincy, the first was Robert Smalls who piloted a Confederate ship into the middle of a Union flotilla, as a reward was made captain of the captured vessel. Captain Parham was promoted at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R. I. 3-21-66. (C.R.G.)
- 195 - *John F. Lopez, Sr., Mortician, Civil Rights, Politician, A member of the first R. I. Commission on Discrimination until his death; ardent NAACP worker, past president of the local branch; "Mr. Democrat" of R. I., respected by state and city officials of the party; spokesman for the long-shoreman's union here for many years; member of the John Hope Settlement House board almost from its inception; member of the Marathon Club and many others civic endeavors. (C.R.G.)

1969- " Eight state police recruits, among them the first black trooper in the state's history, graduated from the state police training academy yesterday in Foster.... They had started with a class of 16.

The black trooper, Henry J. Moniz, Jr., 24, of 107 Roma Street, East Providence, was assigned to the Wickford barracks. "
(Providence Evening Bulletin, June 21, 1969)

It seems quite singular that the first non-white policeman was also a Cape Verdean on the Providence police force whom I examined, Alfred A. Lima.

Before and during the World War 2, the contention was raised that the Cape Verdean or dark Portuguese were of the white race, At Hope High School during draft registration a white clerk upon looking up and seeing a dark face with a Portuguese name was recorded white on his draft card.

During the early 1900's, mixing and inter-marriage was not accepted favorably by the Cape Verdean's. That has changed in the last 20-to 30 years but there is a distinction between the white and so-called colored Portuguese as to mixing and marriage, to this day. (Comments by Carl R. Gross, M. D., Prov. 1969)

Eight Troopers, Including Black, Are Graduated

Ev. Bul. 6-21-69

Eight state police recruits, among them the first black trooper in the state's history, graduated yesterday from the state police training academy in Foster after completing a 12-week training program. They had started with a class of 16.

The outstanding student-trooper award was presented to Joseph C. Miranda, 23, of 19 Amy St., Providence. He has been assigned to the Scituate barracks.

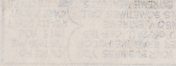
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(Bourgeoisie element in the 1960s)
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- 1967- Edric R. Bates, proprietor of the Edric R. Bates Pharmacy at Proairie Avenue and Public Street was one of four Negroes who presented a plan to Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., to make city owned property which had been condemned in the South Providence area, available to an independent Negro group to re-habilitate and sell to Negroes in that area.
The proposal was submitted by Edric R. Bates, Errol E. Hunt, Director of the South Providence Drop-In Center, Albert E. Brown supervisor of general services of the Puritan Life Insurance Company and Gerald O. Blunt of the Industrial National Bank. All are Negroes. (Prov. Eve Bul 8- -67 CRG)
- 1968- Rev. Arthur L. Hardge, executive director of the R. I. Commission for Human Rights was appointed by Governor Chafee to be the director of the new R. I. State Dept of Community Affairs at a salary of \$18,000.00 with a staff of about 75 employees., the first Negro named to head a state department in R. I. He is also pastor of the Hood Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church on Wadsworth Street, living in the parsonage at 37 Mather Street, Cranston, R. I.
He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana; his early schooling in New Jersey; a BA degree from Morgen State in 1949; Theology from Temple University; social worker NYC 48-49; child welfare worker in Conn., 60-63; Big Brothers, Providence, 63-65; 63 was the executive secretary of the R. I. Commission on Discrimination.
Attending the ceremony were his wife, Norma Harris, tow sons, Kevin and Marc, his parents the Rev. Dr. Elias S. Hardge and wife; three of his brothers in law, Jarvis J. Jones, asst-principal of the Gilbert Stuart Junior High School, Prov; William White, member of the Cranston Police department and Robert Thomas. (Prov Eve Bul 7-29-68 CRG)
- 1968- Vernon J. Lisbon* was appointed Chr. R. I. Human Rights Commission, formerly the R. I. Commission on Discrimination, preceeding Rev. Hardge.
His elementary education in the Newport schools; U. S. Navy, 45-49; San Francisco College on G. I. benefits which lasted two years and it took him six years to complete his undergraduate degree; MA social work, Boston College in 65; Dept. of Social Welfare, Newport; head of the Family Service, 65; a part time professor at Salva Regina College, Newport.
He is married to the former Janice Bell of Providence and they have one child. (Prov Eve Bul 8-19-68 CRG)
- 1968- Archie L. Buffkins, appointed to the music department as chairman at Rhode Island College was named to the 10 member board of directors for the National School Volunteer Program, Inc., a private corporation subsidizing educational programs in 17 cities. He will also serve as chairman of the National Education Committee of the NSVP. (Prov Sun Jour 9-29-68)