



The Hood Family

 Revised and Updated: Sunday, March 6, 2011

~ Parents of Louisa Crawford-Hood ~

(Father) - Jesse Crawford..... Deceased
(Mother) - Nancy Crawford..... Deceased

3 Children: Louisa Crawford ~ Laura Crawford ~ Josephine Crawford

Residences: They initially resided in the State of Kentucky and later emulated to the State of Indiana

(Father) - Nicholas Hood I.. Deceased - 01/24/1916
(Mother) - Louisa Crawford-Hood. Deceased - 1921
[She was a Cherokee Indian]

Notes: Nicholas Hood I was owned by the Hood Family [General John Bell of the Southern Army and his sister Olivia Hood of Kentucky]. Later he and his two brothers [names unknown] were separated from their parents. His two brothers were sent to a plantation in southern Louisiana. He would remain in Kentucky, later move to Indianapolis, Indiana; then eventually settle in Martinsville, Indiana; then in his latter life returned to Indianapolis, Indiana. Nicholas Hood I would die in Indianapolis, Indiana while Louisa Crawford-Hood later died in Buffalo, New York.



Nicholas Hood I and Louisa Crawford-Hood are buried at Crown Hill Cemetery - 700 West 38th Street - Indianapolis IN 46208. There are no markers on either grave. The grave locations are as follows: Nicholas Hood I - [Section F - Lot 5471] and Louisa Crawford-Hood - [Section F - Lot 6654].

6 Children:

Orestes Hood, Sr ~ Ruth Hood-Hopson ~ Mary Josephine Hood-Williams ~ Jessica (Jessie) Hood-Stewart ~ Birdie Hood-Gant ~ William (Willie) Hood

Residences:

The Family resided in Martinsville, Indiana and the family would later move to the Terre Haute, Indiana

- * **Orestes Hood, Sr. [Known as ‘Uncle Buddy’].**..... Deceased - 1982
[He was the first black to graduate from Martinsville High School (1904) in Martinsville, Indiana]
 - (Wife) - Daisy Eslick-Hood..... Deceased - 01/12/1966
 - (Son) - Ernest A Hood, Sr. Gary IN
 - (Wife) - Taeko Nagi Haruta- Hood. Staten Island NY
 - (Son) - Ernest Hood, Jr. New York NY
 - (Daughter) - Daisy Hood. Deceased
 - (Son) - Ardell Devon Hood. Later adopted by Gladys Hood-Johnson
 - (Daughter) - Dharathula (Dolly) Hood-Harris..... Gary IN
 - (Husband) - Atty. Willie Harris..... Gary IN
 - (Son) - William Orestes Harris. Gary IN
 - (Daughter) - Desiree Harris. Gary IN
 - (Son) - Phillip Marshall Harris. Gary IN
 - (Daughter) - Ruth Hood-Battle. Deceased -April / 2007
 - (Husband) - Dr. Haron Battle, Sr..... Deceased
 - (Son) - Atty. Haron N Battle, Jr. Deceased
 - (Son) - Dr. Ernest Calvin Battle... Dallas TX
 - (Wife) - Dr. Julia Blair-Battle. Dallas TX



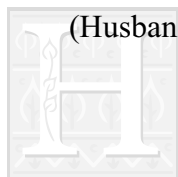
[~~] Daughter - Mary Louise Battle..... San Antonio TX
[~~] Daughter - Rachel Battle..... San Antonio TX
(Daughter) - Gladys Hood-Johnson..... Gary IN
 (1st Husband) - Jewell Bufkin..... Divorced
 (2nd Husband) - Dr. Lonnie B. Johnson..... Deceased
 (Daughter) - Juanita Hooks..... Nashville TN
 (Daughter) - Pamela Hooks..... Nashville TN
 () - Lonna Hooks..... Nashville TN
 (Son) - Earl Eugene Hooks..... Nashville TN
 [~~] Son - Ardell Devon Hood..... Gary IN
(Son) - Dr. Orestes Hood, Jr (Later changed his name to Pierre Eslick)..... Deceased
 (Wife) - Geraldine Elizabeth Hood.....
 (Daughter) - Marsha Hood.....
 (Daughter) - Tracy Hood.....
(Son) - Marshall Hood.....
 (Wife) - Elizabeth Oliver-Hood.....
 (Daughter) - Marsha Rose Hood-German-Joyner..... Honolulu HI
 (Husband) - Kenneth Roosevelt Joyner..... Honolulu HI
 (Daughter) - Marilyn Rose Wong..... Hawaii
 (Husband) - Glenn Wong..... Hawaii
 (Daughter) - Shaina Carter..... Arizona
 (Daughter) - Ashley Amber Amps..... Puerto Rico
 (Son) - Andrew Amps..... Hawaii
 (Son) - Aaron Amps..... Hawaii
 (Son) - Elmer Wesley German III..... Hawaii
 (Son) - Christopher Marshall German..... California
 (Wife) - Bliss German..... California
 (Son) - Kai Nicholas German..... California
 (Daughter) - Seana Bliss German..... California
 (Son) - Gregory Stewart German..... California
 (Wife) - Mary B'Orazi German..... California



(Daughter) - Dharathula Hood-Millender. Gary IN
(Husband) - Justyn Millender.
 (Daughter) - Naomi Estelle Millender. Gary IN
 (Daughter) - Justine Faye Millender-Preston. Gary IN
 (Husband) - Isaac Edward Preston, Sr.. Gary IN
 (Daughter) - Christine Preston. Gary IN
 (Son) - Isaac Preston, Jr. Gary IN
(Daughter) Daisy Estelle Hood-Anderson. Buffalo NY
(Husband) - Atty. Arthur Anderson, Jr.. Buffalo NY
 (Son) - Arthur Anderson, II. Deceased
 (Son) - Michael Edward Anderson. Buffalo NY
 (Daughter) - Atty. Michele Celeste Anderson. Berkley CA
 (Daughter) - Sheila Elaine Anderson. New York NY
(Son) - Rev. Nicholas Hood, II. Detroit MI
 (2nd Wife) - Doris Hood. Detroit MI
 (1st Wife) - Dr. Elizabeth Flemister-Hood. Deceased
 (Son) - Rev. Nicholas Hood, III. Detroit MI
 (Wife) - Judge Denise Page Hood. Detroit MI
 (Son) - Noah Page Hood. Detroit MI
 (Son) - Nathan Page Hood. Detroit MI
 (Son) - Emory Marshall Hood. Deceased
 (Son) - Brandon Hood. Detroit MI
 (Son) - Stephen Frances Flemister- Hood. Detroit MI
 (Daughter) - Sarah Cyprian Hood. Deceased

* **Ruth Hood-Hopson**. Deceased
 (Husband) - Harvey Hopson. Deceased
 [~~] Sandra Keough. Indianapolis IN

* **Mary Josephine Hood-Williams**. Deceased - 06/10/1942
 [Her Mother was a Cherokee Indian who came from the Martinsville, Indiana area]*



(Husband) - Edward E. Williams..... Deceased - 01/07/1968

[His Grandfather was a full-blooded Seminole Indian who came from the State of Florida then moved to the State of Oklahoma then later emulated to Eastern Tennessee. His Father was a Seminole Indian and a slave who came from the State of Tennessee and later emulated to the State of Kentucky, the State of Missouri, and then the State of Illinois]*

(Son) - Dr. Edward Williams..... Deceased - 11/23/1978

(Wife) - Hazel Jackson-Williams..... Deceased - 2000

[~] (Daughter) - Georgette Williams..... Canada

(Son) - Paul Williams..... Canada

(Wife) - Natalie Williams..... Canada

(Daughter) - Zoe Williams..... Canada

(Son) - Samuel Williams..... Canada

(Daughter) - Daphne Williams..... Canada

(Daughter) - Jessie Viola Williams..... Deceased - 1930

(Son) - Dr. Carrol Williams..... Deceased - 05/25/1996

(Wife) - Helen **Rosetta** Smith-Williams..... Elgin IL

[~] (Daughter) - Carla Williams..... Elgin IL

[~] (Son) - Aaron Williams..... Aurora IL

(Son) - John Williams..... Woodstock IL

(Wife) - Jo Williams..... Woodstock IL

(Son) - Parker L Williams..... Deceased

(Daughter) - [Elmira was her birth name] **Almira** Williams-McMurray-Massey..... St. Louis MO

(Husband) - Samuel Massey..... Deceased - 11/10/2005

(Husband) - Lilliard McMurray..... Deceased

(Son) - Sanford McMurray Sr..... Alton IL

(1st Wife) - Kathryn (Kitty) Williams-McMurray..... Deceased

(Daughter) - Terri McMurray-Cole..... St Louis MO

(Daughter) - Stacy McMurray..... St Louis MO

(Son) - Sanford J. McMurray, Jr..... Australia

* (Daughter of Sanford Jr) - Kheri D. McMurray..... Alton IL

(Daughter) - Joanna L. McMurray..... Alton IL



(Daughter) - Savannah D. McMurray. Alton IL
(Wife) - Tina Divine-McMurray. Australia
(Daughter) - Ellis Rose McMurray. Australia
(Son) - Sanford McMurray, III. Australia
+ (Daughter of Joanne Willis-McMurray) - Lajuan M. "Shelly" McMurray. St Louis MO
* (Daughter of Sanford Jr) - Kheri D. McMurray. Alton IL
(Daughter) - Joanna L. McMurray. Alton IL
(Daughter) - Savannah D. McMurray. Alton IL
(2nd Wife) - Joanne Willis-McMurray. Alton IL
+ (Daughter) - Lajuan M. "Shelly" McMurray. St Louis MO
(Son) - Andre J. McMurray. Alton IL
(Wife) - Brigetta J Hill-McMurray. Alton IL
(Son) - DeAntae J. McMurray. Alton IL
(Son) - Marcus D. McMurray. Alton IL
(Son) - Marcus D. McMurray, Jr.. Alton IL
(Daughter) - Dymon McMurray. Alton IL
(Daughter) - Marian E Williams-Nelson. Chesterfield MO
(Husband) - Charles C. Nelson, Jr. Divorced; Deceased - 09/28/1992
(Son) - Rev. Carl V. Nelson. Indianapolis IN
(1st Wife) - Johnnie Victoria Davis-Nelson. Divorced; Deceased - 12/12/1994
(2nd Wife) - Venita Moore-Nelson. Divorced
(Daughter) - Mary **Josephine** Williams-Maclin. Deceased - 12/14/2008
(Husband) - James Maclin. Deceased - 07/25/1997

* **Jessica (Jessie) Hood-Stewart**. Deceased
(Husband) - Henry Beecher Stewart. Albuquerque NM
(Daughter) - Wanda Stewart-Bullner-Crenshaw. Deceased
(Husband) - Henry Bullner. Deceased
(Husband) - [First Name Unkown] Crenshaw. Deceased
(Daughter) - Andrea Crenshaw.
(Daughter) - Laura Crenshaw.



(Daughter) - Madolyn Crenshaw.....
(Daughter) - Jessica Crenshaw.....
(Daughter) - Elsie Stewart-Moss..... Deceased
(Daughter) - Vida Steward-Smith..... St Louis MO
(Husband) - Harry Smith..... St Louis MO
(Son) - Harry Dwain Smith, Jr..... Deceased
(Son) - Darwin Smith..... St Louis MO

* **Birdie Hood-Gant**..... Deceased
(Husband) - Rev. James Gant, Sr..... Deceased
(Son) - James Gant, Jr..... Deceased
(Wife) - Jean Gant..... Deceased
(Son) - James Alton Gant..... Buffalo NY
(Son) - Nicholas Gant, Sr..... Deceased
(Wife) - Helen Gant..... Buffalo NY
(Child) - Nicholas Gant, Jr..... Buffalo NY

* **William (Willie) Hood**..... Deceased

NOTE: This Hood Family Tree / Genealogical Chart was researched and developed by Rev. Carl V. Nelson [Grandson of Edward E. Williams and Mary Josephine Hood-Williams] of Indianapolis, Indiana.—> UPDATED: Sunday, March 6, 2011

Memo

TO: The Williams, Hood, Nelson, and Johnson Families
And
The Various Historical / Genealogical Societies and Libraries

FROM: Rev Carl V. Nelson
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Updated: **March 6, 2011**

RE: E. E. Williams Family Tree / Genealogy
RE Hood Family Tree / Genealogy
RE: Nelson Family Tree / Genealogy
RE: Johnson Family Tree / Genealogy

Special Note: **As of September 2010 the Williams, Hood, Nelson, and Johnson Family Trees / Genealogies are a part of the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress Control Number is as follows: 2014133804. The new Library of Congress Control Number is as follows: 2010674158.**

I have now completed my basic work on the E. E. Williams Family Tree / Genealogy, the Hood Family Tree / Genealogy, the Nelson Family Tree / Genealogy, and the Johnson Family Tree / Genealogy. However; I will continue to make changes, to update, and to add pictures, birth certificates, and death certificates as I receive them from various sources. The most up-to-date Family Trees / Genealogies will be maintained on my computer. The Williams, Hood, Nelson, and Johnson families are all related to one another with the **Rev.**

Carl V. Nelson being **the common link** among all these families.

I have spent countless hours researching this information via travel to various cities, telephone conversations with various relatives and friends of the families, notes from various family members, Internet searches, library and archives searches, and my own personal notes and recollections. I created these family trees / genealogical charts from scratch using my own creative skills and technological knowledge. The trees / charts were reworked and revised countless times.

The earliest Williams Family member came from the State of Florida then was forced to move to the State of Oklahoma and eventually settle in the State of Tennessee. The next generation of the Williams Family would eventually leave the State of Tennessee and travel to through the Underground Railroad to the States of Kentucky and Missouri and eventually settle in West Central part of the State of Illinois.

The early members of the Hood and Crawford Families were located in the State of Kentucky. Two Hood brothers [names unknown] were probably sent to the State of Louisiana. However, the other Hood would reside in Indianapolis, Indiana; then eventually settle in the Martinsville, Indiana then in latter life return to Indianapolis, Indiana.

NOTE: E. E. Williams (my Maternal Grandfather was a prominent citizen of Edwardsville, Illinois) was married to Mary Josephine Hood-Williams. Mary Josephine Hood-Williams (my Maternal Grandmother) was a teacher at Lincoln School in Edwardsville, Illinois. She and her family (Parents: Nicholas Hood I and Louisa Crawford-Hood) came from Martinsville, Indiana and later would settle in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Nelson Family initially came from the Ingram Mill area in DeSoto County in the State of Mississippi then moved to the State of Tennessee while the Johnson Family initially came from Southern Illinois the two families would emulate and settle basically in the Madison, Illinois area.

I have now made a CD that includes the following:

Note: The written documents are in PDF file format.

- Updated Family Trees for the Williams, Hood, Nelson, and Johnson families
- Numerous Photographs with some dating back to the 1800's
- Some Duplicate Pictures [scanned with different adjustments for a different look]

- Funeral Programs
- Newspaper clippings
- Rev. Carl V. Nelson Picture Biography

I hope and trust that you will find this information an important addition to your respective archival / genealogy files.

Some Specific Information About the Sources and Locations of My Research

(Some of the communications that I have had with various individuals occurred over a number of years and some of the notes were accumulated over a number of years. I have included many of the documents and pictures on the Updated Family Tree / Genealogy CD that I have sent me of you in the past.)

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- ★ The Late Mrs. Mary Josephine Williams-Maclin [My Aunt and Daughter of the late Edward E. Williams and the late Mary Josephine Hood-Williams] of Central Islip, Long Island, New York —> Numerous Telephone Calls; Hours of Telephone Conversations; Notes; Pictures [some pictures dating back to the 1800's]
- ★ Mrs. Marian E. Nelson [My Mother and Daughter of the late Edward E. Williams and the and Mary Josephine Hood-Williams] of St. Louis, Missouri —> Numerous Telephone Calls; Hours of Telephone and Personal Conversations
- ★ The late Mr. Charles C. Nelson, Jr. [My Father] of East St. Louis, Illinois —> Numerous Telephone Calls; Hours of Telephone and Personal Conversations as well review of some of his personal documents before his death
- ★ Numerous communications with the various Hood Family members [Dharathula (Dolly) Hood-Harris, Ernest A Hood, Sr., Naomi Millender, Gladys Hood-Johnson, Daisy Estelle Hood-Anderson, Rev. Nicholas Hood, II, Marsha Rose Hood-Joyner] involving personal and telephone conversations, E-mails, newspaper clippings, and pictures
- ★ The late Dr. Carrol Williams [My Uncle and Son of the late Edward E. Williams and the and Mary Josephine Hood-Williams] and his wife [Mrs. Helen Rosetta Williams] of Elgin, Illinois —> Numerous Personal and Telephone Conversations
- ★ Conversations with attorneys [who represented me because I was considered a minor by law in 1968] in Edwardsville, Illinois in the handling the Will of my

Grandfather [Edward E Williams]

- ★ Baby Diary that my Mother maintained about me in the 1940's and 1950's
- ★ Telephone conversations with Patti Jones [a cousin on my Father's side of the family] of Edwardsville, Illinois
- ★ The late Mrs. Mary Butler [a personal friend of my Mother and I] —> Review of the notes and letters that I received from her over the years and the information in her book entitled "Momoirs"
- ★ Personal and Telephone conversations with Jenece Brown and other Lincoln School Alumni [a segregated school in which my Grandmother taught and my Mother and her brothers and sisters attended]
- ★ Conversations in Edwardsville, Illinois with Delores 'Suky' Brown and Candace Hardy [daughter of Delores 'Suky' Brown] whose family bought the house on Olive Street that my Grandfather [Edward E Williams] owned and lived in prior to his death in 1968
- ★ Numerous telephone conversations with Percy [a neighbor of my Aunt Jo who handled her personal affairs in the latter years of her life]
- ★ Conversations with the various Father Flanagan's Boys' Home - Boys Town, Nebraska staff in particular the late Monsignor Nicholas H. Wegner [2nd Director of the Home]
- ★ Conversations with Patience Northern of the Genealogical Division of the Morgan County Library in Martinsville, Indiana who provided me with copies of several newspaper clippings related to the Hood Family
- ★ My Personal Diary and pictures during my years at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home - Boys Town, Nebraska
- ★ Copy of a book entitled "Hood Eslick Family" that I viewed at the Vigo County Library in Terre Haute, Indiana
- ★ Review of numerous United States Census information dating back to the 1800's
- ★ Black Indians: An American Story DVD - The DVD provided me some information and insights that enabled me to gain a greater understanding of my Native American and African American backgrounds and roots.
- ★ Review of numerous birth and death certificates of the various relatives and in some cases newspaper clippings about their deaths
- ★ Review of various funeral programs
- ★ Review of my Birth Certificate
- ★ Review of the Edwardsville Intelligencer newspaper interview with the late Edward E. Williams [My Grandfather] about the Family History
- ★ Conversations with and information provided to me by Joanne Willis-McMurray [wife of Sanford McMurray - my cousin]
- ★ Mrs. Almira Massey [[My Aunt and Daughter of the late Edward E. Williams and the late Mary Josephine Hood-Williams] of St. Louis, Missouri —> Numerous Telephone

Calls; Hours of Telephone Conversations; Notes. However; 99% of the information that Mrs. Almira Massey provided me was totally erroneous and completely inaccurate! *An example* was the fact that Almira's Birth Name was Elmira. She was named after her Grandmother [Elmira Williams]. She hated her Grandmother for some reason and later legally changed her name to Almira. I was able to verify her Birth Name [Elmira] via a copies of the various United States Census Reports and through conversations with her sisters [Aunt Jo and My Mother]. *However; currently Almira denies the aforementioned information about her name and claims all this information is untrue.* Ironically, Almira in a brief telephone conversation with me in the Spring / Summer of 2007 did state that she had legally changed her first name when she was old enough to do.

- ★ Conversation with David Dreyer of Natchez, Mississippi who did additional research on the Nelson Family in the State of Mississippi.

Some, but not all, of the specific places and locations that I visited to do my research over the years are as follows:

- Genealogical Division
Morgan County Public Library
110 South Jefferson
Martinsville IN 46151
- Genealogical Center
Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza
Fort Wayne IN 46802
- Edwardsville Public Library
112 South Kansas Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025
- Louisa H Bowen University Archives
Lovejoy Library
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Edwardsville IL 62026-2665

- Madison County Historical Museum & Archival Library

715 N Main Street
Edwardsville IL 62025-1111

- Special Collections Dept
Vigo County Public Library
One Library Square
Terre Haute IN 47807

- Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
200 University Park Dr. - Suite 260
Edwardsville, IL 62025

- Crown Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery
700 West 38th Street
Indianapolis IN 46208

- Father Flanagan's Boys' Home
Boys Town NE 68010

- Sunset Gardens of Memory
3230 Cemetery Rd
Millstadt IL 62260

- Trinity Church of God in Christ (East) ~ [Now Defunct]
800 Bissell
Venice IL 62090

- Indian City USA
2 Mi SE on Hwy 8
Anadarko OK 73005

The specific cities that I have resided in over the years are as follows:

- Edwardsville, Illinois
- Alton, Illinois
- Boys Town, Nebraska
- Omaha, Nebraska

- St. Louis, Missouri
- Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- Indianapolis, Indiana

