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*"Look How Far the Lord has Brought Us"*

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### **Praise and Criticism**

Praise and criticism are opposite sides of the same circle, both should be accepted with the same sense of caution. Both can be helpful and both can be harmful, depending on the spirit in which they are received.

Criticism can be disarming, it can destroy confidence and rob one of hope, optimism, and the will to persevere. But criticism can also add an outside perspective to the natural human tendency to adopt a one dimensional and self-centered point of view. Thus, criticism can help us to achieve balance in the way we see ourselves in relation to the world around us. In essence, criticism can be helpful in our struggle to achieve humility.

On the other hand, praise, even though well intended, can be deceptive and can be damaging in its effect if taken too seriously. Praise can inflate the ego and cause us to view ourselves as bigger and more important than we really are. Thus, praise can serve to destroy the balance between the way we see ourselves, and our actual significance in the world around us. At the same time, when we do great things, praise can inspire us to want to continue, or even do more.

The key to dealing with praise and criticism in our daily lives is to keep them both in proper perspective. We should view both praise and criticism as flowing from someone else's opinion of our worth or actions. Both reflect someone's perception of reality, not necessarily reality itself. While we should give due consideration to both praise and criticism, neither should be the primary motive for our actions. Ideally, the main source of our motivation should come from within. Our actions should not be motivated by a desire to simply please those around us. Primarily, our actions should be guided by our own conscience and by our desire to do what pleases God.

Monroe Fordham

### **Next Family Reunion**

We received 16 ballots concerning future dates for the Oxford Family reunion. Six ballots wanted a reunion in Parrott/Albany during July, 2000. Ten ballots wanted a reunion in Dawson at Thanksgiving (November 23, 2000). Based on that vote, I contacted the people who planned the past Thanksgiving reunions and they have agreed to plan a family reunion for November 23, 2000. At this point they do not have all of the details finalized. We will have all of the necessary

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information for the April, 2000 newsletter. **Mark your calendars for November 23 (Thanksgiving) 2000, Dawson, Georgia.** More information next time.

### **Mance & Sarah Ann Oxford Memorial Scholarship Award**

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### **Recent Weddings**

On October 2, 1999, David Tyrone Fordham (son of Lawrence Fordham and Clozel Johnson) was married to Venus Aldrene Fuller. The marriage took place in New Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

On November 27, 1999, Tanya LaJuan Perry (daughter of Vera Thomas) was married to Minister Gregory S. Teague. The marriage took place at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida.

On November 27, 1999, Kenyarta Tamara Asberry (daughter of Valeri Asberry Williams and Henderson Myers) was married to Christopher Daniels. The wedding took place at the Dawson Lions Club, Dawson, Georgia.

Our best wishes are extended to all of the newlyweds. We ask the family to hold them up in your prayers.

### **Family News**

Kimmetrice Oxford (daughter of Marilyn Oxford Elliott and granddaughter of Annie Lee Oxford) is in her senior year at Wheaton College (MA). She just returned from a student exchange in Spain at the University of Cordoba. She is a student assistant in the Spanish Department at Wheaton. Kim has been offered an internship at the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC. After graduation from Wheaton, Kim plans to attend graduate School. At this point she has not decided which graduate school she will attend. Kim was a 1996 winner of the Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship.

Demetrius Smith (son of Cynthia Carter Bulger and grandson of Reggie and Naomi Carter) has accepted the position of Assistant Director of the Student Development Center at Kennesaw State University. For the past year and a half, Demetrius has been in Student Affairs at Georgia Tech. His career goal is to become a senior level Student Affairs administrator. Demetrius was a 1991 winner of the Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship.

Barry Fordham (son of Monroe and Freddie Mae Fordham) recently accepted a management position with the Chubb Insurance Group. He will be based in Chesapeake, Virginia. Barry has an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

Ryann Stewart (granddaughter of James Lloyd Jr.) is a junior at Bethune Cookman College. She is a 1999 recipient of the Minority Teacher Education Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.. The Fund aims to attract outstanding minority students to the teaching field.

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### **From the Internet**

(Submitted by Demetrius Smith)

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out. So he called on a female angel and sent her to earth for a time. When she returned she told God, yes it is bad on earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good.

Well, he thought for a moment and said maybe I had better send down a male angel; to get another point of view. So God called a male angel and sent him to earth for a time. Then the male angel returned he went to God and told him yes, the earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good. God said this was not good. He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good and encourage them, a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what that e-mail said?

You didn't get one either?

### **Next Issue of the Newsletter**

The next issue of the Oxford Family Newsletter will be published in April, 2000. Send us news that you wish to share about your family. Send to: 49 Calvert Blvd., Tonawanda, NY 15150; or [FORDHAM@BUFFALOSTATE.EDU](mailto:FORDHAM@BUFFALOSTATE.EDU).

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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*LOOK HOW FAR THE LORD HAS BROUGHT US!* Fifty years ago the Adolphus Oxford, Sr., family was made up of a poor, but Godfearing, sharecropper, his wife and a house full of barefoot children living "way back in the woods." Today, the family of the surviving widow-Mrs. Annie Lee Oxford consists of ten children (pictured above), all prosperous and doing well, 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. That family is a testament to God's goodness.

### **Something to Think About**

Why were our forefathers able to withstand the insults of segregation and racial prejudice, and thrive in an environment that brutalized them and contributed to their lower life expectancy? Why were they able to prosper in spite of the fact that they were exploited and denied access to so many of the opportunities of America? The answers are simple. They had a strong and abiding faith in a principle that is stated in so many places in the Scriptures. "Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have my law in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of men or be terrified by their insults. For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations." *Isaiah 51:7-8*.

The long journey of the Oxford clan and its many branches, from post-slavery to where we are today, is proof that God's word is true. And who knows what we may yet become? **WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!!!**

### **1999 Family Reunion/Picnic: A Big Success**

Over 125 persons representing nine states attended the family reunion/picnic on July 23-25, 1999 in Orlando, Florida. It was a great reunion by any standard. The event was planned and organized by Tammy Fordham-Jackson and her local support team. The reunion was headquartered in the luxury setting of the Orlando Embassy Suites Hotel, where all of the out-of-town participants stayed. Each individual unit in the hotel had three spacious rooms. There were also lots of extras-like a full breakfast buffet (complimentary) and a location right in the center of the major Central Florida attractions.

The picnic was held in a large pavilion in one of Orlando's major public recreation parks. The pavilion was located adjacent to a large play area for children. And the children had a ball. During the picnic there was a recognition ceremony to introduce the descendants of the various branches of the Oxford Family. In attendance were descendants of Wilkes "Uncle Bud" Oxford, Carry & James Lloyd, and descendants of the Oxford children--Jess Oxford, Nannie Telafair,

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Dock Oxford, Arie Fordham-Jackson, Otis Oxford, & Ozzie B. Carter. The descendants of Jess Oxford made up the largest contingent.

The picnic also featured a short ceremony celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Curtis and Dorothy Telafair. Their daughter, Jan Baquet, made the announcement, read a short scripture on true love, and made a few comments about the lives of her parents. The Telafair family shared a large sheetcake with the picnic gathering.

On Friday and Saturday nights, persons in attendance visited restaurants and/or other attractions along the "International" strip around the hotel. On Sunday morning everyone got together for a final time at the complimentary breakfast buffet and some attended church with various host families. All in all, it was a very memorable weekend. Tammy has offered to plan and coordinate another reunion in Orlando in 2001 or a later year depending on what the group wants to do. More on that decision later.

### **Where/When Do We Meet Next Year--2000**

Some members of the family want to meet in Georgia next year (2000). Two possibilities for dates were discussed. The suggestion was made to ask the family to vote on the question in the next newsletter. The two options that were suggested by most members for the year 2000 were as follows: **Option 1** - Plan a reunion for Parrott and Albany for the first weekend in July, 2000. The reunion would be patterned after the earlier reunions in Parrott and Albany. It would include a memorial service at Macedonia, a Saturday evening dinner, and a church service and dinner on Sunday. **Option 2** - Plan to have a family Thanksgiving dinner in Dawson--in November, 2000 (basically like Brenda Washington and her group have staged for the past several years) on Thursday and plan a special memorial and religious service at Macedonia on Friday. A ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. If you wish to do something other than the two options that are listed, write your suggestion on the back of the ballot. Please respond within the next week or so and let us know what you would like to do next year. If we decide to meet in Georgia next year, several people have volunteered to help with the planning and coordination. (If you wish to be a member of the planning group indicate that on your ballot). We need to know your wishes as soon as possible so that the planning group can begin their work.

### **Oxford E-Mail Directory**

There are many computer users in our family who have E-mail addresses. In an effort to expand our possibilities for communicating with each other as a family, we will compile a list of E-mail addresses and publish the list in the next issue of the newsletter. (The newsletter will continue to be our main vehicle of family communication). If you have an E-mail address and want to be included in our E-mail directory, send me your E-mail address ASAP and I will add it to our list. Send your name and E-mail address to me at FORDHAM@BUFFALOSTATE.EDU

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Sometime in the near future we may even want to establish a Mance and Sarah Oxford Website. (Imagine what our grandparents would think of that!!).

### **Other News**

Recently Lawrence Fordham gave a \$20 contribution to the Mance and Sarah Oxford Scholarship fund.

On Saturday, July 31, 1999 Terri Rucker (daughter of Rose Mary Oxford and Rev. Dr. H.D. Rucker) was united in marriage to Milton J. Slaughter IV. The wedding took place in St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Orlando, FL. On behalf of the Oxford clan, we wish you many years of prosperity and happiness. Keep your hand in God's hand.

On July 20, 1999, Faith and Rodney Salters became the proud parents of a baby girl--Rashya Mone Salters. Faith is the daughter of Mancefield and Elaine Fordham. The Salters have one other child--a boy.

### **Next Issue of Newsletter**

The next issue of the *Oxford Family Newsletter* will be published in December. Let me know if you change your address. Don't forget to update our Oxford Family tree when new babies are born. Send me the name of the baby, his/her date and place of birth and their parents names. Also send me the names and addresses of relatives who are not on our mailing list and want to receive the Newsletter. Send your news items, or editorials to:

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e-mail: FORDHAM@BUFFALOSTATE.EDU  
716-691-4257

### **In Memory of Gerry Deon Collins**

The entire Oxford clan mourns the tragic and untimely death of Gerry Deon Collins (pictured above), the husband of Katrina N. Carter. (Katrina is the daughter of Charlene Carter and granddaughter of Reggie and Naomi Carter). In addition to Katrina and their two young children--Darius and Jasmine, Gerry leaves to mourn, his parents; two sisters; three brothers; and a host of other relatives.

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The Carter family was all set to attend the Oxford family reunion when they learned of Gerry Deon's tragic and accidental death. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Carter and Collins families. They should take comfort in knowing that the God that has brought us thus far will sustain them.

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### **Family Reunion, July 23-25, 1999 Orlando, Florida**

There is still time to make reservations for the Oxford Family Reunion in July in Orlando, Florida. Tammy Jackson (granddaughter of Arie D. Jackson Fordham and daughter of Evelyn Williams) is in charge of making the arrangements. She is planning a family picnic as well as other activities. Reunion costs are \$15 (adults) and \$10 (children) for the picnic and \$10 for reunion T-shirts. **Money for the picnic and T-shirts MUST be sent to Tammy before June 15. She needs a count of just who plans to attend.** Tammy's phone number is 407-296-2237. Out-of-town visitors can reserve rooms at Orlando's Embassy Suites (407-345-8250). If you reserve before June 18, the rate is \$70 per night. After that date, the rates go to \$209 per night. Give Tammy a call if you plan to attend.

### **Which Side Are You On?**

*Through a glass darkly,  
the age old strife I see  
Where I fought in many guises,  
many names--  
but always me.*

So wrote the great American military leader--General George Patton. As Patton's minds-eye panned back over the annals of human history, human strife had been ever present. Of course, the strife to which Patton alluded was war. In a temporal sense, the history of man has been dogged by strife, by human conflict, and by many different forms of human imposed pain and suffering. But there is a spiritual dimension to that conflict. As St. Paul pointed out in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high spaces."



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The spiritual war that is raging in the world is a war between good and evil. The spiritual war is personal. One of the main objects of the struggle between good and evil is to influence or control our individual thoughts and deeds. The central focus of that conflict is always "Me." Moreover, there is no neutral ground in that struggle. Everything that we do in life--every single thing, is a contribution to one side or the other. In each of our daily actions--as we confront life's battles, we can be a force for good, or a force for evil. At the end of each day, we should reflect on the question--**Which side am I on?**

Monroe Fordham

### **-A Puzzle-**

#### **Can You Figure It Out?**

There were two men. A rich benefactor gave each of the men 100 ten-dollar bills (\$1,000). Instinctly, after receiving the money, the first man's thought was to go to the bank. The second man was instinctly inclined to go to the store. One man went to the bank, the other man went to the store. **Question:** Which one of the two men is most likely to accumulate great wealth? (answer on page 2) M.F.

#### **Oxford Scholarship Winners, 1999**

The recipients of the Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford Scholarship for 1999 are Derek Hall and Levin Myers. Both recipients will receive a certificate and a \$500 cash stipend. This is the 10th year of the scholarship and during that period more than \$10,000 has been awarded to the descendants of Mance and Sarah Oxford to assist those persons in continuing their education. An itemized list (covering the 10 year period) of all persons who have contributed to the scholarship, as well as a list of all the recipients will be sent to anyone requesting that list. Persons who wish to contribute to the scholarship will receive a receipt and will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, Charles and Josie Johnson contributed \$400 to the fund.

#### **Derek Hall**

Derek is the grandson of the late Johnny "Jay Bird" Oxford and Ethel Mae Peters Oxford. He is the son of the late Albert Hall and Gloria Jean Oxford Hall. He is a senior at Terrell-Middle High School (Dawson, Georgia) and will graduate in June, 1999. Derek has one brother and two sisters. He loves sports and plays basketball.

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### **Levin Myers**

Levin is the grandson of the late Love Myers and Arcola "Teck" Myers. He is the son of Wallace and Sheila Myers. Levin is a senior at Terrell-Middle High School (Dawson, Georgia) and will graduate in June, 1999. Levin has four brothers. He loves music, and has been a member of the school band for the past six years

### **When You Move or Change Addresses**

When/if you move or change your address, send me a note with your new address. That way we can make the change in our data-base of family addresses and ensure that you continue to get newsletters and other mailings.

### **Katherine Hodges, 100 Years Old**

Katherine Hodges, (sister of the late Lucy [Mrs. John L.] Oxford, and aunt of Mrs. Lois Hall), celebrated her 100th birthday on March 9 in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Hodges' sister, Bessie Cobbs, was 89 years old on March 6. Mrs. Hodges takes care of Mrs. Cobbs. A birthday party was held for Mrs. Hodges at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church (Orlando). Those attending the party included Lois and Philip Hall and their daughters Valerie and Kathy, RoseMary Rucker, Vera Thomas, Rose Oxford, Catherine Starks (daughter of Katherine), and grandsons Tyrone Lancaster (NYC) and Eddie Starks.

### **Updates of Oxford Family Tree**

The family tree "Descendants Report" that was sent out with the last newsletter was a draft. With the exception of the Jesse Mae Iverson family, the family of Johnny "Duke" Oxford, and the family of Adell "Sam" Oxford, the "Descendants Report" is fairly complete. If anyone can help in compiling the descendants of those three families, please call me (716-691-4257). If anyone finds errors and/or omissions in the report, please send the corrections to me and I will correct the report. In addition, send me the names and birth information on new births in the family, we want to keep the list of relatives in our extended family up-to-date.

### **Charles S. Johnson Receives**

#### **Trailblazers Award**

Charles Johnson, (son-in-law of the late Nannie Mae Telfair and husband of Josie Johnson), was the recent recipient of one of the first annual "Trailblazers Awards," given by St. Paul of the

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Cross Catholic Church. The award honors seniors who were trailblazers in their professional lives and were also active in their church. Brother Charles earned a bachelors degree from Morehouse College, and a Masters Degree from Atlanta University. In addition, he earned a post-graduate certificate from Emporia State University (Emporia, Kansas). He is a retiree from the Atlanta Public Schools where he was employed for 40 years. He was a math teacher at Archer High School. He also served as the registrar at Archer.

Charles has been faithfully involved in St. Paul Church for over twenty-five years. As a member of St. Vincent De Paul Society, he works tirelessly in obtaining food for and preparing the baskets to be given at Thanksgiving. He also maintains the beautiful flowers around the church. He is a member of the men's club and of the Knights of Peter Claver.

Josie, his wife, was also an educator. She is a retiree from the Atlanta Public Schools. **Congratulations Charles.**

### **Gains From Evil Doings Are Only Temporary**

*Lyrics from, Willie Nelson's, "Ballad of Poncho and Lefty."*

Poncho was a bandit boy,  
his horse was fast as polished steel.  
He wore his gun outside his pants,  
for all the honest world to feel.  
But Poncho met his match you know  
on a desert down in Mexico.  
Nobody heard his dying words,  
that's the way it goes.

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Lefty he don't sing the blues  
all night long like he used to.  
The dirt that Poncho bit down south  
ended up in Lefty's mouth.  
The day they laid poor Poncho low  
Lefty split for Ohio.  
Where he got the bread to go,  
don't nobody know.

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The poets tell how Poncho fell,  
and Lefty's living in cheap hotels.  
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold,  
so the story ends we're told.

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Poncho needs your prayers is true,  
but save a few for Lefty too.  
He only did what he had to do,  
and now he's growing old.

**Answer to the Puzzle on page one:**

The man with the instinct to save is the person more likely to accumulate wealth. People who think "spend" every time they get money can never accumulate anything because they always spend it. ("People who spend every thing they get are usually broke."). Regardless of how much or how little we earn, we should try to discipline ourselves to save something. Saving is not an easy thing in the consumption culture in which we live. Personal discipline and a consciousness of the need to save have to be developed. If you want to be better off tomorrow than you are today, you must save and prepare for tomorrow.

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## **HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)**

Information submitted by Cynthia Carter-Bulger

The Hope Scholarship is Georgia's unique and nationally recognized program for helping its students succeed. HOPE is Governor Zell Miller's educational program to reward students who have earned good grades by helping with the expenses of continuing their education after they graduate high school.

HOPE may be used at public technical institutes and eligible public or private colleges and universities in Georgia. The program is funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education that began in 1993.

### **How It Works**

You may receive HOPE assistance if you enroll at an eligible Georgia public technical institute. The HOPE Grant is awarded for study leading to a certificate or diploma. Many technical institutes offer two-year degree programs as well. The HOPE Scholarship is awarded to students in degree programs, who must meet different qualifications than students earning a certificate or diploma.

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Georgia residents who are attending a Georgia public technical institute to earn a certificate or diploma are eligible for a HOPE Grant regardless of high school graduation data or grade average. You may receive the HOPE Grant for two programs of study leading to a certificate or diploma.

Full-time enrollment is not required, but you must be making satisfactory academic progress to maintain eligibility. You are not required to maintain a "B" average to renew your HOPE grant.

### **Hope Grant Awards**

The HOPE Grant covers tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance of up to \$100 per quarter. HOPE funds may be applied only to tuition and mandatory fees not covered by Pell or other Federal grants received. Full-time enrollment is not required.

### **Hope Scholarship For Recent HS Graduates**

To be eligible as a first-year student, you must: Be a legal resident of Georgia; Be a 1993 or later graduate of an eligible high school; Earn a "B" average in high school (a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or 80 numeric grade average, meeting the college preparatory track; if you are in the technical curriculum track, you must have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or 85 numeric grade average, meeting the curriculum requirements. Students who graduate from high school in the year 2000 and thereafter will be required to earn a "B" average in their core-curriculum subject. Students must also graduate meeting the curriculum requirements in their program of study. Check with your high school guidance counselor for more information on the core-curriculum requirements.

### **How To Apply**

All HOPE applicants attending an eligible technical institute must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the HOPE Alternative Application each year. These applications are available at all eligible Georgia public technical institute. Ask the financial aid office at the institute you plan to attend for the necessary application.

*You can also visit their website at [www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/Students](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/Students).*

### **Kimmetrice Goes to Spain**

Kimmetrice Oxford, daughter of Marilyn Oxford and grand-daughter of Annie Lee Oxford, will spend the spring 1999 semester on a student exchange studying at the Universidad de Cordoba, Spain. Kimmetrice is a junior at Wheaton (Mass.) College. Her major is education and Hispanic Studies. During her exchange semester, Kim will visit Morocco, Portugal, and Paris.

Her spring semester address is:

Kimmetrice Oxford

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Universidad de Cordoba

Facultad de Filosofia y Letras

Plaza del Cardenal Salozar, 3

14003 Cordoba, Espana

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### **To Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army**

Major Calvin Carter, son of Reginald and Naomi Carter, and a 1982 graduate of Fort Valley State College was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, LTC, U.S. Army, on January 29, 1999. The ceremony was held at Wiesbaden, Germany and was attended by his father.

Lieutenant Colonel Carter is married to the former Avondale Dixon, daughter of Ms. Clara Jenkins, Bellwood, Illinois and granddaughter of Ms. Mamie Dixon of Butler, GA. They have two children, Kayla and Corlin.

LTC Carter currently serves as the G1/Adjutant General for the 3rd Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden. He will be relocating to his new assignment as the Theater Plans and Operations Director, 1st Personnel Command, Heidelberg, Germany.

### **Major Wade Carter, 1907 - 1999**

Major Wade Carter, father of L'Overture, Reggie, and Robert Carter, died on January 29, 1999. Mr. Carter was a resident of Bronx, New York. Born in Americus, Georgia to Brantley and Winnie Carter, Mr. Carter left Georgia in 1921 and migrated to Jacksonville, Florida; Newark, N.J.; New York City, and eventually to the Bronx where he was a resident at the time of his death.

For over 20 years, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was also a former employee of the City of New York's Spofford Juvenile Detention Center. He was a Deacon in his church, The Greater Faith Baptist Church of the Bronx. His body was interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY.

### **Cynthia & Charles Woods Proud Parents**

Cynthia and Charles Woods are the proud parents of a baby girl, Josephine Tamara Woods, born on March 10, 1999 in Lansing, Michigan. Cynthia is the daughter of Monroe and Freddie Mae Fordham.