

Two Years Later – Black Women Project Is Moving To The Next Phase

After two years of featuring outstanding black women of Yalobusha County here in this newspaper, I have decided to end the series to focus on the oral history segment of the project, “Black Families of Yalobusha County,” and wherever else life may take me. My column has given me an opportunity to show my appreciation to the many wonderful black women of Yalobusha and the many other deserving candidates. It was my vision to feature the unknown and the lesser known, connecting their stories to the history of the county. In reality, the list of who and what has been written about is far from complete. Our oral history project, through the Center for Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi, captures the stories of women, men and families and can be viewed and followed at https://egrove.olemiss.edu/blkfam_yalo/. Thus, our goal to preserve the history of our black community continues. Due to the Covid-19 epidemic the bulk of the interviews may be virtual or socially distanced until better days come. To escalate the project, I am providing the team of graduate students and their advisor a list of individuals who could participate in oral history interviews, which will be archived at the university.

Our stories are joining an extensive repository at the university that includes B.B. King’s personal record collection as part of one of the largest blues archives along with collections from Fannie Lou Hamer, Freedom Riders, John Grisham, Elvis Presley and, of course, William Faulkner. I must exhale! Finally, we black folks are taking part and being included in the exceptional technological resources just up the road – thirteen miles from Water Valley. And rightfully so!

On my first and only trip a few years ago to the National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, DC, instead of going up the escalator, I went down to the bottom floor to see if I could find anything about my ancestors. I did find one article about someone with my maiden name. It was painful to see all the pictures of lynchings and black women in Parchman prison and the display surrounding Emmitt Till’s murder, including his coffin. However, I was so proud when I found a piece of art on display on another floor by my late husband’s cousin, Claude Clark. Artist and Educator is how he described himself. You know I did the mom thing, took a picture and texted it to his daughter, Alice TOforiAtta, my three sons and my eleven-year-old grandson. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to tell your story, to record your family history, to leave a record behind for your heirs.

The Yalobusha team consists of students working on masters and doctoral degrees. Returning graduate team members are Brittany Brown, Colton Babbitt, Michelle Bright and Rhondalyn Peairs, now under the direction of Dr. Brian Foster. Dr. Jessie Wilkerson, who had the vision and initiated the collaboration with the university, has gotten a promotion and in July will be joining the West



Dottie Reed admiring a painting by her husband’s cousin, renowned artist Claude Clark on display at the National Museum of African American History in Washington, DC.

Virginia University history department as the Robbins Chair in Appalachian and 20th century U.S. History. We will continue to rely on her input and expertise during this transition.

I want to thank her, express my sincerest appreciation and wish her continued success. She will be sorely missed.

Foster, who now leads the project, is a native of Verona. His first book will be published at the end of the year. He is bright, talented and energetic, teaching both graduate and undergraduate classes this summer. Students from all his classes will be intimately involved in this project. To broaden our reach, he will be adding social media. That’s the beauty of working with young folks – so hold on to your hats! I hope that you will welcome him and the new students as they reach out to the Yalobusha community.

It is my hope that these interviews will result in an occasional article for this column. Otherwise, this is the last one under “Outstanding Black Women of Yalobusha” for a while. I thank you for your support and encouraging feedback over the past two years. Yes, it has been two years since I wrote a letter to the editor at the *Herald* and this column was born. Special thanks to David Howell,

Dottie Quaye Chapman Reed, a native of Water Valley, MS., graduated from Davidson High School in 1970 and the University of Mississippi in 1974. The mission of the Outstanding Black Women of Yalobusha column was to highlight black women in the county who have made significant contributions to the African American community. Phase one now ends with this 45th article in order to lend support to phase two, Black Families of Yalobusha County, an oral history project at the University of Mississippi. Interested persons should contact Dr. Brian Foster at b.brian.foster@gmail.com or quaye_reed@bellsouth.net. Project updates may appear in this space in the future. Previous articles are posted at www.blackwomenofyalobusha.com



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who was open to my cry. Thanks to all of you who have allowed me to invade your spaces, asking all sorts of questions, and digging up the past. Thanks for sharing or writing about your loved ones and revisiting joyful and sometimes painful memories. I also want to thank my angel editor who insists on remaining anonymous and who has made me look like a writer while tolerating my limitations.

I must admit I have learned a lot and hope that many of you have also. The comments and feedback have come from around the country and from a diverse readership. I hope these stories have been enlightening and helpful in understanding in many ways why we are witnessing social justice protests here and around the world. I was proud to see the peaceful protest in Water Valley. Perhaps more of us now better understand that Black Lives Matter and that the point former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick made was not about the flag or the national anthem but that racism, more virulent than most would admit, runs rampant throughout our neighborhoods and communities. We must continue to work to eradicate it or it will eradicate us all. Just think about the parents out there who continue to teach their children to hate and, in many cases, show them how. Let us not forget those who have lost their lives. Their names continue to fuel the movement for positive changes in our justice system and an end to systemic racism.

The question still looms: What can we do to make a difference? In the midst of our 2020 struggle for social justice, an end to voter suppression, police brutality, unjustified killing of black men and women and poverty, it is difficult to determine what and where efforts are most needed. Political activism, with the November election in the forefront of many of our minds, and the everyday stress of the current moment could overwhelm us. But we must not let it. To borrow from Sam Cooke, a change has got to come!

In a June 19th article for *Essence Magazine*, “*Juneteenth and National New Beginnings*,” Dr. Tera W. Hunter said, “We are at another crossroads in the nation. The direction

TOWN OF COFFEEVILLE 2019 DELINQUENT TAXES

Name of Owner	Parcel #	Real Property Description	2019	Name of Owner	Parcel #	Real Property Description	2019
Armstrong, Lillie	2102D04 0009300	LOT 33	\$42.58	Martin, Betty	2102E04 0012900	RES LOT PT NW1/4	\$158.56
Aven, Raymond	2102E040010403	Lot 10 Grady West Sub	\$6.19	McCullough, Brandi ET VIR	2102C04 0001900	Lots 11-12-13-14 BLK C	\$98.53
B & H Realty	2102D04 0011600	Lot 60'x100' PT Jeff McFarland Lot	\$18.57	McCullough, Brandi F			
Benson, Michelle	2102E04 0003600	Res Lot NE Corner Lot 3 (Blk F)	\$231.30	ET VIR Jason K	2102C04 0001800	Lots 8-9-10 Adams Lot	
Brandon, Carter	2102D040007900	Res Lot N Side Sand St	\$248.43			Bailey Morrison Add (Blk C)	\$33.01
Brandon, Carter	2103 05 0003100	PT E 1/2 SE1/4 LESS PT	\$7.18			PT Blk N (H&A Survey)	\$3.09
Brandon, Carter	2103 05 0002900	PT SE1/4 SE1/4	\$188.23	Meeks, Merrill	2102E04 0004002		
Burgess, Lamar ET UX Mary C	2102E040008400	21/10 AC PT NW1/4 SW1/4 LS PT	\$46.42	Mister, Earline EST/			
Carrington Mortgage Service LLC	2102C040002000	E PT LOT 3&4 (BLK C) MORRISON	\$193.67	Dora Wiseman	2102D040014600	Res Lot PT W 1/2 NW 1/4	\$47.24
Childers, Wesley	2102D04 0004900	RES LOT PT NE 1/4 NW 1/4	\$344.40	Moore, Marino	2102A050004400	Lot 2 Ed Kelley Sub Less PT	\$49.35
Club Jerry Gail Johnson ET AL	2102D040005000	RES LOT	\$364.78	Moore, Michael D ET UX	2102C040005001	1 AC Res Lot SW1/4 NE1/4 & LTS 1-2 & 6 Leonard Sub	\$775.07
Cooley, Joey ET UX						PT NE1/4	\$10.85
Joe & Pat Breithaupt	2102D040006800	Res Lot Hughes Tract (N Kennedy)	\$176.59	Neal Grant & Stokes Julian	2103A050001900	RES LOT Old Town	\$76.33
Cooper, Evelyn	2102F040006000	LOT 6 (BLK A) D46 P335	\$150.10	Nicholson, Anita Cheryl	2102D040011500	LOT 2 Broadstreet SUB	\$220.49
Coyote Investments LLC	2102D04 0022301	Lot 15 OLD TOWN	\$6.19	Nicholson, Charles A ET AL	2102D040017100	6/10 A PT E 1/2 NE 1/4	\$36.19
Cruthirds, Tisha Hooper	2102E040006700	LOT 7 PEEPLES SUB	\$261.92	Phillips, Oddie Ruth Est	2103A05 0002400	PT SW 1/3 NW 1/4 (Lot 6)	\$12.38
Eifling, Haley H	2102 09 0000800	PT NW1/4 NW1/4 W of RR	\$132.07	Pomerlee, Betty ET AL	2104D04 0013405	PTSW1.4 NW1/4 (LOT 7)	\$12.38
Eigling, Haley Hall ET AL				Pomerlee, Jimmy D ET AL	2102D040013404	7/10 A PT W1/2 NW1/4	\$95.68
Pamela Hall	2102 09 0000801	PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4	\$6.19	Pomerlee Shirley	2102D040013403	Tract 11 Broadstreet Sub	\$148.08
Hall, David E. Jr.	2102E04 0005000	PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4		Reed, Ardelia	2102D04 0015700	PT E 1/2 NE 1/4	\$10.85
Haley Eifling		OLD FILLING STA. LOT	\$32.51	Reed, Doris	2103A050001200	PT NW 1/4	\$132.36
Hall, David ET UX	2102E04 0005100	RES LOT SW1/4 SW1/4	\$18.57	Reed, Janice ET AL	2102D040012500	PT NE 1/4 NE1/4 D49 P356 R/S	\$40.68
Hall, Pamela D ET AL				Reed, John Ella ET AL	2103A050000500	McConico Store House LOT	\$15.47
Haley Efling	2102 09 0000802	PINW1/4NW1/4 W of RR	\$15.47	Richardson, LC ET AL	2102D040018000		
Hall, Pamela D ET AL				Robinson, John Alex			
Harbour, Jimmie K	2102F040005000	PT LOT 5 & PT LOT 6 BLK B	\$67.50	Dorothy Robinson	2102D04 0021800	LOT 7 Pinehill Sub	\$199.57
Harris, Eddie B	2102D040021900	LOT 6 PINEHILL SUB D45 P278	\$55.21	Robinson, Mary	2103A05 0003000	PT E 1/2 NE 1/4	\$80.91
Hatfield, Lyle Curtis				Robinson, Mary N	2103A05 0001100	PT E 1/2 NE 1/4 Less 8/10 A	\$21.66
ET UX Carolyn	2102D040005500	RES LOT PT NW 1/4	\$174.20	Roland, Roly Jr % Frank Roland	2102D040020600	PT NW 1/4	\$98.41
Hayes, Robert ET AL	2102D040010400	PT LOTS 41 & 42	\$121.43	Smith, Eldridge ET UX	2102D040014808	1 AC PT NW 1/4	\$27.85
Hayes, Terry A	2102D040018700	Lot 6 ED Kelly Sub Less PT PT	\$94.11	Smith, Glenda	2102D040013100	RES LOT	\$90.40
Hayes, Terry A	2103A050004700	PT E1/2 NE1/4	\$10.85	Smith, Glenda	2102E040005300	2/10 A LOT SW 1/4 SW 1/4 E OF HWY	\$271.00
Holland, Floyd	2103A05 0004100	PT NE1/4 LESS PT	\$10.85	Smith, James Earl Estate	2103A050003500	1 1/10 A PT NE1/4 LESS PT	\$57.76
Horton, Christopher	2102E040010904	Lot 2 Grady West Sub	\$244.71	Smith, James R	2102E040008500	LOT 1 Wortham SUB	\$97.95
Huggins, Henry EST				Smith, John M JR ET AL	2102C040001401	PT SW 1/4 NE 1/4	\$206.13
% Ruth Lewis	2102D040019700	RES LOT	\$39.77	Smith, Levell & Anthony	2103A05 0003501	1/10 AC PT NE 1/4	\$10.85
Hughes, Claude	2102D040007300	Lot 65	\$244.51	Smith, Mae Falma / Valeda			
Hughes, Claude A ET UX	2102F040003600	Store Lot 3 BLK H	\$45.92	Williams	2102D04 0014800	PT NW1/4 Less 11 8/10 A	\$13.95
Jackson, Alexis / Willis, Mesha	2102D04 04*24*6	Res Lot	\$42.46	Spearman, Nigel	2102E04 0005001	PT SW 1/4 NW 1/4	\$70.97
Jackson, Sam & Elvira EST				Spearman Tracy ET UX Rhonda	2103A050000300	PT E 1/2 NE 1/4	\$21.66
Victoria R Logan	2102D040011101	Res Lot PT SE 1/4 NW 1/4 68 P318	\$147.50	Spearman, Versie	2103A05 0000800	2/10 A PT NE 1/4	\$135.70
James, Larry Joe	2102F040005700	LOT 9 BLK A	\$159.68	Spencer, Allie	2102E04 0012300	RES LOT	\$13.95
James, Larry Joe	2102F040005800	LOT 8 BLK A	\$164.71	Spencer, Pledge S Estate	2102D040016500	Tract 2 Broadstreet SUB	\$143.30
Jenkins, Bobbie S	2102E040011600	LOT 19 Grady West Sub	\$163.93	Stanford, Arnold	2102E040003000	Lot 5 Less NE Corner Lot 6&7 8&9&10&11&12 BLK C	\$56.28
Jennings, Naomi	2102E040012100	RES LOT IN SE1/4	\$22.28	Turner, Kevin	2102E040003401	LOT 1&5 Block E	\$72.74
Johnson, Ivy Jean ET AL	2102E040012200	PT NW1/4 SW1/4 Res lot	\$24.14	Upshaw, Steven	2102D04 0010600	N Side Lots 40 & 41 & PT Lot 49 & PT Baker Hotel Garden Lot	\$18.57
Johnson, Maggie/						LOT 5 Pressing Shop BLK H	\$94.44
Bobbie Owens E/	2102D040014806	6/10AC PT NW1/4 NW1/4	\$6.19	Wortham, William Tylor Jr	2102E040008900	LOT 3 Wortham Add	\$136.61
Kimberly Wilks	2102E040007200	Lot 1 Kennedy Add (BLK A)	\$195.49	Wortham, WM T Jr ET UX	2102E040008800	All LOT 2 Wortham Add D44 P278	\$25.99
“Kee, Brian ET AL”	2102D040020000	RES Lot Frazier Lot (Old Town)		Wortham, WMT Jr ET UX Jan D	2102E040008700	1 A RES LOT Wortham Add & 7/10 AC NW1/4 Sw 1/4	\$301.90
		S PT Sam Ferguson Lot	\$229.12			Personal Property	\$30.57
Kelly, Arthur L	2102D040012200	Res Lot Old Town D49 P240	\$194.83	Artwork BY Topflight		Personal Property	\$8.75
Kelly, Da’ Andrea	2102C04 0005100	Lot 5 Leonard Sub	\$213.44	Elegant Looks Cheryl Bobo		Personal Property	\$6.15
Lewis, Larry E ET UX	2103 080000800	PT NE1/4	\$230.60	Hair Spot Wanda Phillips		Personal Property	\$12.54
Logan, Lynnnda	2102F040006600	PT LOT 1 & LOTS 2&3 BLK W (Package Store)	\$112.56	Harbour Tax Service		Personal Property	\$48.40
				Hoop Repair Shop		Personal Property	\$16.83
Logan, Willie Estate				Maxxsouth Broadband		Personal Property	\$20.92
Mark A Logan	2102D04 0017900	PT NW1/4 RES Lot DBD33 P329	\$229.16	Maxxsouth Broadband		Personal Property	\$1,167.16
Long, Jean Williams	2102D040015000	LOT 11 Broadstreet SUB	\$198.13	Piggly Wiggly		Mobile Home	\$39.61
Lumas, Jacqueline	2102D040014900	LOT IN NW Corner Broadstreet S	\$178.37	Moore, Victoria		Mobile Home	\$18.40
Martin, Betty	2102E040012000	PT NW1/4 SW1/4	\$32.51	Reed, Terrance			