

## **Zion Baptist Church "I-Do"**

**Zion Baptist Church was founded on November 15, 1865. Zion's members have played sterling roles in our city, state, and nation. They have been ex-slaves, laborers, politicians, preachers, teachers, writers, musicians, artists, lawyers, doctors, activists, and many other folk. In many cases they have been the first to act upon and reach for opportunities that traditionally had been denied our people. This community wants to celebrate the marriages and anniversaries of the members of the church both past and present.**

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### Conyers-O'Neal Wedding

Bride and Groom - Patricia Conyers O'Nealand Atty. Derrick O'Neal - We were married August 30, 1980 at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Chicago, Illinois. - Dr. Maceo D. Pembroke, Sr. officiated. Matron of Honor - Cassandra Conyers Mason - Sister of the Bride. Best Man - Maurice O'Neal - Brother of the Groom Bridesmaids: Pamela Ford Lockett Minerva Williams Charsetta Medley Henderson Gernell Austin Groomsmen: Arthur Mason, Jr. Lloyd Medley Steven O'Neal Thomas O'Neal Ring bearer - Eddie Weaver Flower Girl - Dawn Robinson

### Mims-Washington Wedding

Helen and Eugene Washington Wedding The bride, Helen Mims Washington was born in Selma, Alabama, December 9, 1924. The groom, Eugene Washington, was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi\* on March 6, 1923. The couple met in Chicago, Illinois when Eugene was on a weekend pass. He was nineteen. Helen was seventeen years old. Eugene eventually was stationed at Lowry Field (Air Force Base) where he became an Army Sgt. The couple was married by Pastor Dr. Wendell Theodore Liggins on October 7, 1944. The ceremony took place at the New U. S. Recreational Soldiers'

Center at 2563 Glenarm Place. J. W. Owens and Cpl Preston H. Watkins witnessed the marriage license signage at 12:05 p.m. Fireman Shorty sang at the ceremony and Mrs. Jessie Whaley Maxwell was the accompanist. Dr. Maxwell would become Colorado's first African American principal. Irene McWilliams was the wedding coordinator. Eugene and Helen 's children are Clementine Washington Pigford and Eugene Washington. Grandchildren: Robert Pigford, Michael Christopher Pigford Genesis, Denea Eleece Ray, Delores Brown, and Daniel Brown. Great-Grandchildren: Dwayne, Xavier, O'Sean, Josiah, and Robynn Elise Pigford The couple was married for 62 years before Eugene Washington death on November 4, 2006. He is buried at Colorado's Fort Logan Cemetery.\* Some of Eugene records list Greenville, Mississippi as his place of birth. Left to Right third bridesman Sister of Eugene Washington: Cleotha Brown Bell. Born October 1, 1926 Died August 2011 Left to Right: Fifth Bridesmaid: Myrtle Clark Duvall... Still resides in Denver, Colorado Bridesmaid wore pink. 1. Minister: Pastor Wendell Theodore Liggins Doctor of Divinity --Zion Baptist Church 2. Wedding Coordinator- Irene McWilliams 3. Fireman Edward Shorty Soloist 4. Dr. Jessie Maxwell- pianist Zion Baptist Church Wallace Simpson USO Club USO Club Denver Navy Wallace Simpson loss his life aboard Wallace Simpson, a young Negro, was a petty officer aboard this vessel. Young Simpson was a graduate of the high school, Denver, Colorado, and at the call of his country, when but in the prime of his life, made the supreme sacrifice in order that the world might be made safe for democracy. July 31, 1943 INTERESTING PEOPLE By The Onlooker Colorado Statesman p. 5 c. 3 INTRODUCING MRS. IRENE McWILLIAMS Director of the New U. S. Recreational Soldiers' Center at 2563 Glenarm Place. Mrs. Irene McWilliams in one of the outstanding women of the race in Denver; well poised, fine character, charming manner, and a first-rate citizen. She was born in Centralia, Kans., and comes of a fine family; educated in the schools of Kansas; attended Nebraska State College of Music, also the Lamont School of Music at Denver; a student in Dramatic Art and Cosmetology. She was a student in recreation work and has several years' teacher's experience. She was director of the popular (Treble) Cleff Club singers who broadcast over the ether (air), Station KOA, for two years.

### Liggins-Hill Vow Renewal

Pastor Wendell Theodore Liggins and Louise Hill married in the early 1940s after he became the Senior Pastor of Zion Baptist Church. The vow renewal took place in the mid 1960s at Zion Baptist Church. Left to Right: Pastor Walter Hill, Pete Moore, Pastor Dr. Wendell Theodore Liggins, Louise Hill Liggins (no relation to the Pastor Walter Hill), Mrs. Mildred Moore, Ring bearer Freddie Goodseal, and Flower Girl, Shirlyee Turner. Daughter Thelma

Liggins far left (seated) Pastor Wendell Theodore Liggins, from Xenia, Ohio, served as Zion's Senior Pastor from 1941 to 1991. Mrs. Louise Liggins was from Washington, D. C. Pete Moore and his wife, Mildred, owned and operated Five Points-located Moore Plumbing many years. Freddie Goodseal and Medical Doctor Shirlyee Turner still are Zion members and serve in various roles.

### Logan Wheeler Wedding

Mr. Dashan Lee Wheeler and Mrs. Tasha Logan-Wheeler, were married April 4, 2009 by Reverend Frank Davis of Zion Baptist Church of Denver. Staircase Picture: The happy couple relaxes after the ceremony at the Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse in Aurora, Colorado. The couple, Mr. Dashan Lee Wheeler and Mrs. Tasha Logan-Wheeler, were married April 4, 2009 by Reverend Frank Davis of Zion Baptist Church of Denver. The groom works at Pepsi in Denver and the bride works at Cherry Creek Schools. Bride & Father: The bride's father, Mr. James Scott Logan walked his daughter, Tasha Marie Logan to the alter at the start of the ceremony. Bridesmaids: Tasha Logan-Wheeler is the bride standing in the front, behind her from left to right are: Ms. Davis Talley and Ms. Shelly D. Grissom. The next row from left to right beginning with the flower girl Miss Zariyah Wheeler, Mrs. Victoria Gonzales, Miss Jazmine Gonzales, Mrs. LaTesia L. Davis and Mrs. Quiana Thomas. In the back row: Miss Quiera Thomas and Miss Lemia Woods. Groomsmen Picture: Standing in the front is the Groom, Mr. Dashan L. Wheeler, behind him are his groomsmen and family members. From left to right in the first row: Mr. Joseph Ortiz, Mr. Gerald Wheeler, Mr. Robert Gonzales, Mr. Cameron Rivers, Mr. Christopher Thomas. In the back row, from left to right, Mr. James Matthew Logan, Mr. James Scott Logan, Mr. Christopher Wheeler and Mr. Ronald Hackett II. This picture was taken inside of the clubhouse at Heritage at Eagle Bend Golfcourse. Sorority Serenade: The bride, Tasha Logan-Wheeler is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Nu Omega Chapter of Denver, Colorado. It is tradition for members to serenade a member at her wedding. Sorors include: Patricia O'Neal, Clementine Pigford, Linda Richardson, Alicia Harvey, Chayla Freeman, Kina McMillan-Allen, Pashelia Wesley, Beverly Leali, Gayle Leali, Cleasie Davis, Amara Martin, Davis Talley, Judith Alexander, Sandra Johnson-Jones, Erin Monroe, Teresa Alexander, Charlotte Chapman-White and Susan Trahan. Family Wedding Picture 1: Seated on the couch are Mr. & Mrs. Dashan L. Wheeler and standing behind them are the bride's family, Mrs. Rose M. Logan (mother), Mr. James Matthew Logan (brother) and Mr. James Scott Logan (father). Family Wedding Picture 2: From left to right: Mr. Robert

Gonzales, Mrs. Victoria Gonzales, Dashan L. Wheeler, Mrs. Tasha Logan-Wheeler and Miss Jazmine Gonzales.

#### Smith Kelly Wedding

Bernice Smith and Andrew Jackson "Jack" Kelly were one of the first couple to be married in the "new" Zion at 933 East 24th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. According to Zion's archives, they were the "first" couple to have this honor. Sarah Cousins Sims and James Sims also purport to be the first couple wedded at the "new" Zion. Both couples were staunch Zion loyalists throughout their lives. Bernice Smith Kelly, the oldest child of Aaron and Hattie Smith, Jr., was born August 16, 1907 in Denver, Colorado. Bernice, along with her sister Claudine, accepted Christ at an early age where she and her family joined Zion Baptist Church in 1913 under the leadership of Reverend David E. Overs (Over). Bernice was a member of the Senior Choir from 1913 to 1980. She was baptized in 1922 and served as the Church and Condolence Clerk in the early part of 1950. Bernice was the director of the Sunday School Children's Choir from 1953 to 1963. She was also a member of the Young Dramatic Matrons Club from 1930 to 1940. Bernice S. Kelly went home to be with the Lord January 2, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Andrew J. Kelly of Denver, her one sister, Claudine McCloud of Denver; her two brothers Harold Smith of Denver; Aaron Smith, Jr. of San Francisco, California; her nieces and nephews, Burnis McCloud, Jr., Helen Turner, Walterine, and Hayward Doyle, Jr., Leon Smith, Jr., Wenz and Lenora Smith and Norma Jean Pickford (Pigford) all of Denver; Theodora Kelly Anderson of Hewitt, Texas; her twelve great-nieces and six great-nephews and a host of other relatives and many friends.

#### Brown Wedding

Ophelia and Robert Brown's wedding at Zion Baptist Church October 17, 2007. Bob and Ophelia met at their Senior residence. They both were from Chicago, and both had lost their mates. Their wedding took place on a warm day in October. Frank Marvin Davis officiated. Clementine W. Pigford was the videographer and photographer Joyce Marie Davis was the pianist. Ophelia Williams Brown Family Wallace Shepherd, Yvonne Shepherd, Tonya Shepherd, Marcus Shepherd, Alicia Shepherd, Antio (Antonio) Shepherd, Jaylen Shepherd (Grandson) Dorian Earnest (P) Berri Earnest, Tom Earnest,

Visitors from Chicago, Charon Earnest, Emma Robertson, Ruby White Names submitted by Ophelia Williams Brown February 2012

#### Washington-Pigford Wedding

Clementine and Bobby were married for twenty-seven years. Their two adult sons Robert and Michael live in Denver and Florida respectively. Robert the Second has one daughter. Michael has a daughter and a son. Clementine Washington and Robert Edward Pigford were married (eloped) October 5, 1964 in Boulder, Colorado. They renewed their vows at Zion Baptist Church on November 7, 1964 in a Saturday afternoon ceremony. Mrs. Ima King made the bride's wedding ensemble which consisted of an a-line pink peau-de-soie dress and pink, embossed, hooded cape. Her shoes were dyed to match pink satin low-heel pumps. The wedding rings were a white gold band with a solitaire white gold engagement ring. The bridesmaids wore contrasting shades of pink taffeta. Bridesmaids' dresses were made by seamstresses of choice. Pastor Wendell Theodore Liggins "officiated" the ceremony. The "Lord's Prayer" was sung. The photographer was late, so staged photographs were taken of the wedding. The reception was in Bledsoe Hall-the basement of Zion Baptist Church. Photographer Burnis McCloud, Sr. The wedding party included : Bride's Family Father, Eugene Washington Helen, Mims Washington Brother Eugene Washington, II 4 years old Grandmother Mary Chalk Washington Scott Step Grandfather Edward Scott Uncle Vernie Lee Scott Groom's Family Mother: Lottie Johnson Pigford, Father: Joseph Wells Pigford, Joseph "Gent" Pigford, Carl Pierre Pigford, Julia (Judy) Pigford Rice (Pigford), Josephine "Josie" Susan Pigford In-Laws Jane Anell Waller Pigford , Melvina Prichette Pigford, Jerry Rice, and Juanita Bolden Scott (Johnson) Bridesmaids Banks, Gayle, (Hamlett); Henderson, Marva (Yarbrough); Licht, Jane (Siegel); Pate, Gwendolyn Lorraine (Meyers); Reynolds, Alice (Holman); Waller, Diane (Ward, Jones); Carol Hicks Groomsmen Hamlett, Walter; Pigford, Carl; Pigford, William; Sims, Fred -Colorado Springs, CO); Tasker, Douglas; Jerry Rice Ring Bearer Eugene Washington, II Flower Girls Erin Pritchett and Roxanne Garlington

#### Brown Bell Wedding

Zion Baptist Church Member Cleotha Brown Bell October 1, 1926 to August 30, 2011 "I DO" She was married to Nicholas Bell (not pictured) circa 1975 Cleotha Bell passed away fall 2012 at the Amberwood Court Care Facility Denver, Colorado Cleotha Brown was born in Mississippi to the Mary

and Edward Scott family. She moved to Denver with her family in about 1943, and attended Manual High School. Cleotha was a fabulous professional cook and at home. She was noted for holiday feats----not meals. Her nieces and nephews were her children. Fortunately, she was able to travel and enjoy life while she worked very hard for most of her adult life. Aunt of Clementine W. Pigford--- My father's sister.

#### Nelson Carothers Wedding

Soror Lori is the daughter of Silver Soror Charleszine Washington Nelson and the sister of Soror Lia Nelson. Lori and her husband, Mark, reside in Denver and have been married for about two years. The beautiful ceremony was held at the historical and elegant Humphrey's Mansion. The splendid reception was held in the beautiful garden, followed by a delectable sit-down dinner. Colorado Opera Company-soloist Chris Lowe Ware was accompanied by pianist Purnell Steen. The bride wore black and white...Soror Lia was the maid of honor. Father, Leroy Nelson wore a smile that bore a touch of pride as his "girls" walked down the aisle. Soror Lori Carothers is an artisan whose art work is focused on graphic arts and various crafts.

#### Alexander 50th Wedding Anniversary

Freelon Alexander and Narcissus Alexander's 50TH Wedding Anniversary  
Little Rock, Arkansas 1950R. to Left Sitting/Front Row: Mary Eliza Duncan,  
The Bride Narcissus Alexander, Freelon Alexander, Aunt Sarah, Aunt Clara,  
\_\_\_\_Back Row L. to R. Sylvia Reynolds, Lovie Mae Turner, Ernest Alexander,  
Burl Alexander

#### Joseph Parks Wedding

Miss Zipporah Joseph and Mr. William Parks were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, 25th and Gilpin Streets. The ceremony was witnessed only by a few friends and relatives of the bride and groom. Rev. Ward officiating.

### Aldridge Lofton Wedding

ALDRIDGE-LOFTON VOWS SAID IN QUIET CEREMONY In a quiet ceremony the wedding of Miss Beverly Aldridge and Mr. Sherman Lofton were solemnized at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 23rd, by the Rev. Wendell T. Liggins at the brides home at 2601 Champa. The attractive bride wore a beautiful blue-green gown and carried a bouquet of carnations. Her gown was complimented by a lovely corsage. The bridegroom chose a gray pinstripe suit. The lovely bridesmaid, Miss Mary Ellen Monroe wore a beautiful green gown and white carnations. The best man, Mr. James Bradford wore a black suit offset by a white carnation. Members and friends of both families witnessed the ceremony. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Smith served delicious refreshments. Some of the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Moore, Mr. Silvester Brooks, Miss Ruth Price, Mrs. Lofton the bridegrooms Mother and sisters, Lillian and Jewell.

### Carter Sills Wedding

TOGETHER THESE WILL WORK FOR THEIR RACE Two prominent colored educators, Professor William Richard Carter and Miss Edna Sills, have joined their bands for united work for the uplifting of the colored race. Professor Carter is the editor of the Western Correlator of Topeka, and his bride has recently taken his place lately vacated, as principal of the Topeka Industrial and Educational Institute. As they both chanced to be in Denver they were married here, that, they might return to their work together. They are two of the brightest and most remarkable of the young colored educators of the West. Mrs. Carter is a Denver girl, and first received her impetus towards her present work in the East Denver High School from which she graduated with high honors in the class of '09. Her parents were pioneers of the state, her father being the second colored inhabitant. She continued with her education and in 1900 she graduated from Lincoln Institute. She then began to teach in the Topeka Industrial and Educational Institute. She rose rapidly in her work, and when Professor Carter left the place of principal vacant she became the logical candidate for the office. Professor Carter graduated from the Tuskegee Institute in the class of '03 and received his theological training in the Theological seminary at Atlanta, Ga. The wedding was private and simple; Rev. J. E. Ford performed the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends. After the wedding supper the young people left for their home in Topeka.

### Benefield Rodgers Wedding

December 1, 1951 Happy Bride-----RECEPTION Romantic news of interest to members of the younger set in Denver has been announced by Mesdames Amie B. Cross and Katie V. Smith who have made known the wedding of their sister, Miss Eva Louise Benefield to Mr. Joshua Rodgers, son of Mrs. Lucretia Sompratt of Colfax, Louisiana. The bride flew to Colfax where the wedding was solemnized, and the happy couple returned to Denver by motor to reveal the secret of their union. Miss Benefield, a graduate of Manual High School, is a private secretary at St. Anthony School of Nursing. She is a member of Zion Baptist Church and The Novelettes or Novelettes Social Club. Mr. Rodgers, a Veteran of World War II, and a product of Western Radio Inst., is a Radio Technician. The couple will be honored with a reception at the home of Mrs. Criss, Sunday, December 2, 4 - 7 p.m. The newlyweds will make their home in Denver.

#### Cammel Byrd Wedding

January 20, 1945 Mrs. Ruby E. Cammel Becomes Bride of Cuthbert Byrd at Impressive Ceremony Of special interest on Denver's social calendar of the week was the very lovely home wedding, which united two of the city's well-known citizens, Mrs. Ruby E. Cammel and Mr. Cuthbert R. Byrd. The ceremony was solemnized on Sunday, January 14, 1945, at 4 p.m. at the home of the bride. Before an altar formed by candelabras with tall pink and blue tapers and with a background of a beautiful basket of pink carnations tied with a huge pink satin bow, the service was effectively read by the Rev. Daniel G. Hill. Both parties possessing musical talents, it was quite fitting that the afternoon be filled with music. Preceding the ceremony the Cammel Sextette (Sextet) in their own inimitable style sang "Beloved, It Is Morn." Mrs. Marie Sherrill, accompanied by Mrs. Marion Bailey, very sweetly sang "Through the Years." The ever significant number, "I Love Thee," was sung by Mrs. Margaret Hill Martin in her own charming manner. Promptly at 4 p.m. to the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs. Jessie Maxwell, the bridal party descended the stairs. Mrs. Ethel Williamson, sister of the bride in aqua Jersey was met at the foot of the steps by Mr. Charles Jackson; Miss Barbara Burris, daughter of Mrs. Cammel, was next in a gown of gold crepe, followed by the bride, very picturesque in a floor-length gown of rose crepe. At the altar, the bride was met by the groom, his best man, Mr. Robert Mitchell, and two other bridal attendants, Mrs. Doris Bowen, of Lincoln, Nebraska, in a gown of pink crepe. Just as the couple completed the plighting of their troth, the "Lord's Prayer," by Mallot, was appropriately and beautifully sang by Mrs. Lucy Cotton. "Bless This House" as sung by the Cammel Sextette (Sextet) served as a benediction to the afternoon. Those assisting with the receiving and serving of guests during



the reception which immediately followed were: Mrs. Katherine Ridgeway, Mrs. Alice Moors, Mrs. M. I. Smith-Morgan, Mr. Richard Allen, Mr. Chester E. Harris, and Mr. Albert Robinson. Mrs. Cammel-Byrd is the efficient manager of the Cammel Mortuary and is a member of one of the pioneer families of Wyoming and Colorado. Mr. Byrd, a long-time employee of Cammel Mortuary staff, also comes from one of Colorado's pioneer families. Denver extends congratulations to this popular couple and hopes for them much success and happiness as they journey "Through the Years."

#### Clark Wilcox Wedding

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1949  
Denver's Social Whirl  
Miss Audrey Mae Clark  
At a quiet evening ceremony at the parsonage of Rev. Wendell T. Liggins on Thursday, Oct. 20, 1949, Miss Audrey Mae Clark, daughter of Mrs. A. C. Clark of 2076 Ogden St., became the bride of Cpl. Edward Wilcox, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox of 2317 First St., New Orleans, La. The bride's friends will remember her as a sister of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jackson of Jack's Poultry. Cpl. Wilcox is here from California attending Tech. School at Lowry Air Force Base temporarily. After a short stay in Denver, they will make their home in California. Miss Clark is quite a popular young lady and a graduate of Manual High School, Class of '49, and since residing in Denver had made a host of friends among the young people. she is a member of Zion Baptist Church.

#### Cohron Duncan Wedding

March 23, 1921  
POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WED  
Last Sunday evening, at 6 p.m., in the gorgeously bedecked and spacious living room of the Cohron residence, 2337 Emerson, Miss Lois Cohron, prominent social favorite, and Mr. Charles Duncan were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by the Rev. G. L. Prince, pastor of Zion Church. As a prelude to the ceremony, Mr. George Morrison, Denver's premiere violinist, assisted by Miss Catherine Cohron, rendered "Nevins Rosary", followed by Carrie Jacobs Bond's beautiful composition, "I Love You Truly," which fittingly heralded the approach of the first of the bridal party, in the person of little Miss Zelda Norvell, who, daintily gowned in white georgette, bore to the waiting clergyman, the diamond circlet in the chalice of a huge Easter Lily. Entering directly behind, to the strains of the ever-familiar Mendelssohn March, came the groom, accompanied by his best man -- Mr. Curtis Dorsey, followed by Mrs. Curtis Dorsey, as matron of honor, resplendent in a peach taffeta period gown, carrying a bouquet of cream roses. But the final touch to this

beautiful picture was given, when through the doorway solemnly stepped the bride, exquisitely beautiful in a pale blue crepe gown, fashioned according to Poiret, along Parisian lines, her tiny feet shod in blue velvet and silver kid slippers, and carrying a huge arm bouquet of delicate pink roses. Firmly they exchanged their vows and turned to the waiting host of friends, to receive hearty congratulations and good wishes. At the close of the ceremony, amid a myriad of soft colored lights and repast was served, with the assistance of two beautifully gowned debutantes, in the person of Miss Delores Cousins and Miss Sarah Caldwell. The community joins with the friends in wishing for these two splendid young people a life of harmony and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duncan, Jr., accompanied by Miss Kathryn Cohron, Miss Ruby Cohron and Mrs. Duncan, Sr., left last Saturday by motor for points in Missouri, Kansas, and New Mexico, winding up at the Century of Progress World's Fair, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Duncan, Sr., will remain permanently in New Mexico.

#### Jackson Combs Wedding

December 18, 1942 BECOMES BRIDE OF SERGEANT Mrs. Major O. Combs, who was Miss Irma Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson before recent marriage. Sergeant Combs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Combs. Mrs. Combs, who attended Western University and is widely known in social and Church activities here, hopes to join her husband, who is stationed at Ft. Sill, soon after the Xmas holidays. The happy couple is receiving congratulations from their many friends of both cities.

#### Cousins Sims Wedding

September 29, 1928 COUSINS AND SIMS WEDDING Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cousins announces that the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Mr. James E. Sims, will be at Zion Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, October 3, at 6 o'clock. MISS SARAH COUSINS BECOMES BRIDE OF JAMES SIMS A beautiful Church wedding with a large crowd in attendance was solemnized at Zion Baptist Church, Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, when Miss Sarah Cousins, popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cousins became the bride of James Sims, one of Denver's successfulest (most successful) young businessmen. Both contracting parties are connected with prominent and prosperous Denver families, and Zion Church was crowded to the doors with friends of the happy bride and groom. The Rev. G. William Ward performed the marriage ceremony. An elaborate reception was tendered the contracting

parties at the Cousins residence, 2452 Lafayette Street, where congratulations were extended and a great shower of costly presents given.

#### Hereford Carrie Wedding

February 7, 1914HEREFORD-CARRIE MARRIAGE Miss Maude Carrie, one of our society ladies and a modiste of unquestioned ability, was wedded to Robert Hereford, late of Chicago, Wednesday evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carrie, 2609 Lafayette Street. Rev. D. E. Over united this happy couple. The relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony after which refreshments were served. The Colorado Statesman wishes Mr. and Mrs. Hereford must happiness.

#### DeNeal Hooper Wedding

November 14, 1914HOOPER-DENEAL WEDDING Miss Dorothy Alice DeNeal and Mr. Zachariah Hooper, Jr., were made happy in holy wedlock on Thursday evening last at the residence of the bride's mother, 1154 Broadway. Rev. David E. Over performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends who were closely associated with the family of the bride for a number of years. The bride wore a white embroidered dress, white silk sash and veil which lent a charming appearance to her. Supporting her was Miss Eleanor V. De Neal, sister of the bride, in white crepe dress, chiffon trimmings, who looked very elegant. The groom, attired in the usual convention black, was ably supported by his brother, Benjamin Hooper. The house was beautifully decorated in white, green and pink colors, the same being carried out in the refreshments. The presents were many and valuable, expressing the popularity of the young folks. The bride is the daughter of the late Churchill T. De Neal and Mrs. E. L. De Neal, formerly of Virginia and residents of Denver for over thirty years, a graduate of the public schools of this city and a violinist in the Zion Baptist choir. Her genial disposition and her general bearing in the community endeared her to the hearts of all. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Hooper. The happy couple will reside with the bride's mother, 1154 Broadway.

#### Irving Walker Wedding

IRVING, Juanita 62nd Anniversary The Colorado Statesman Saturday, March 14, 1953  
Principal in Lovely Wedding A lovely home wedding staged at the residence at 1414 East 24th Avenue on February 15, 1953, brought the consummation of the marriage nuptials of two of Denver's well known citizens when Mrs. Juanita Irving, popular widow and loyal Church civic worker, became the bride of Mr. Isaac Walker, formerly of Camden, Ark., and resident of Denver the past 15 years. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. T. Liggins, pastor of Zion Baptist Church. The bride looked lovely dressed in a pink lace evening gown, set off with a lovely corsage and adorned with a triple pearl rope necklace and earrings to match, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses and carnations. She wore a pink and blue veil caught with a braided or beaded headpiece with blue bows arranged on both sides. The Maid of Honor was Mrs. Donnie Moore, wearing a soft grey evening gown with flowers and accessories to match. The brides maids were Mrs. Geraldine Vaughn, wearing yellow silk and satin gown, Mrs. Robert Lealey, wearing an Orchid Purple Gown with corsage and accessories to match. The groom was attended by an old friend, Mr. Arthur Vaughn and the ushers were Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Robert Lealey. Some three hundred or more guests crowded the home during that evening and many lovely and costly wedding presents were showered on the happy couple who are at home to friends at 1414 East 24th Avenue. Mrs. Walker, the former Mrs. Irving, is a graduate experienced nurse and has reared and educated all her five children through the years in Denver, having come here from Dallas, Texas, quite a few years ago. She has won the admiration and respect of the citizens of Denver through her fine character and Christian life. The little flower girls were Misses Ruth Esther Irving and Gertrude Jean Irving, daughters of the bride's daughter, Jean Irving. Clinton Togera Irving, son and graduate of Denver University played the wedding music and accompanied the oldest son at the piano, Mr. Capers Wesley Irving, who sang the "Lord's Prayer."

#### Morrison Wiley Wedding

POPULAR DENVER GIRL MARRIES The beautiful home of the Frank LeNoirs', 2901 Lafayette St., was the scene Saturday evening, May 22, 1943, of the wedding of Jacquelyn Morrison, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Morrison Greene and Elmer Morrison to Maurice Wiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Madeline Wiley, all of Denver. The Rev. Wendell T. Liggins, a lifetime friend of the groom, and Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Hedges, harpist of the Lamont School of Music, played "At Dawning" followed by "Because", sung by Mrs. Dimples Gatewood Morgan. Then in the music of Bohengrin, the bride entered on the arm of her Uncle, Mr. Frank LeNoir,

preceded by her sister, Mrs. Hubert Conway, who was her only attendant. Before an altar of pale pink Queen Mary roses, flanked by gorgeous baskets of pink and white snap-dragons, these two popular young Denverites took their vows. The groom was attended by Mr. John Cary as best man. The bride wore white net over white satin and a fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of white and pink rosebuds and sweet peas. The Matron of Honor wore pastel green net and carried a bouquet of pink and white snapdragons. Mrs. Wiley, the mother of the groom, wore white satin. Mrs. Greene, the mother of the bride, wore blue net. Both mothers wore bouquet of pink rose. The new Mrs. Wiley received her basic training in the public schools of Denver and her college degree from Hampton Institute, Virginia. Mr. Wiley also received his basic training in the Denver public schools and his college degree from West Virginia State College. He has recently graduated from the Army Air Clerical School at Ft. Logan, Colo., and is at present training Army Air inductees. A reception immediately followed the ceremony and many friends wished the newly married couple calm sailing on the sea of matrimony. They are at home to their friends at 2516 Marion St.

#### Mack Cole Wedding

**MACK-COLE MARRIAGE RITES CULMINATED IN BEAUTIFUL WEDDING RECEPTION** One of the season's most beautiful wedding receptions was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sinks, 2155 High Street, on last Friday evening, June 30th, 1950, honoring the newly wedded pair, bride and groom, the former Miss Alma Mack, formerly of New Orleans, La. and Mr. H. Leon Cole, of Denver. The marriage ceremony was performed by County Judge David W. Williams, Probate County Court at Raton, New Mexico, June 17th, 1950. The happy couple are receiving many congratulations, cards and telegrams from friends all over the states. Mrs. Sinks was the bride's maid, and Mr. Cleveland Green was the best man. The reception was given at the beautiful home of the Sinks family where many of Denver's prominent citizens came in honor of the newly wedded. The house was beautifully decorated in cut flowers and potted plants. The wedding table was resplendent in white damask, gleaming silver and polished glassware, embellished with a large three-tiered wedding cake adorned with artistic decorations and mounted with a miniature Bride and Groom. The guest were served delicious menu of tasty sandwiches, cakes, ices, and drink galore. Many beautiful and costly presents were sent to the bride and groom, a whole room practically loaded. Mrs. Cole was lovely, dressed in a pastel pearl-gray satin evening gown and wearing a large, pretty orchid, while Mrs. Sinks, foster mother to the bride, wore a pink evening dress trimmed with a lovely French lace and wearing a big bouquet of flowers. It was a very lovely

affair. List of Wedding Guest: -- Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Curry, Rev. and Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Allen, Mrs. Mable A. Verdeckberg, Mrs. Lillian E. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ayres, Mrs. Almuta Holmes, Mrs. Gertrude Fullbright, E.V. Dorsey, Colo. Statesman. Lt. Earl W. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gamble, Mr. Geo. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howell, Mrs. Lee Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dedmon, Miss Willaleen Murray, Mr. Rudolph Johnson, Mrs. M. Muldrow, Mrs. M. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Desmond, Mrs. Betty Williams, Mrs. Adele Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Satchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shealy, Mrs. Nancy Wilson, Mr. Roy Groomer, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Tooke, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Elligan, Mrs. Mollye Grice, from Chicago, Ill., visiting here, and house guest of Duke Elligan; Mrs. Al. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Lewis, Mrs. Cordia Collins, Mr. Cleveland Green, Miss Winnifred May, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kidd, Mrs. Rosalind Pegues, Janis Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Meadows, Miss Donnie Blackwell of Oklahoma, and Miss M. R. Jackson. The Bride with the assistance of the groom, cuts the cake and every body gave a great big smile. Don't you think they look very happy, and say they really are happy.

#### Bell Alexander Wedding

#### MARRIAGE UNITES TWO OF COLORADO'S MOST PROMINENT PIONEER

FAMILIES At a pretty wedding ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4:30 p.m.

Miss Josephine Bell Watson became the bride of Mr. William Deconer

Alexander, at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. McClain.

The Rev. Wm. H. Young of Zion Baptist Church performed the simple but impressive ceremony, in the presence of the family and a few very close

friends. Before the ceremony, Prof. George Morrison and daughter Miss Marian Morrison rendered a violin and piano duet, "Because." At the music of

the wedding, march the bride on the stairway preceded by her only

attendant, Miss Wilma Miller. The bride was joined at the fireplace by the

groom and best man, where they exchanged nuptial vows, between two

large baskets of gold and brown chrysanthemums and pompoms. The bride

was lovely in a blue crepe afternoon dress made on straight lines with bell

sleeves trimmed in gold. Her accessories were gold and brown and she

carried a bouquet of blue sweet peas and gold Shasta daisies. Miss Wilma

Miller, the maid of honor, was charming in an afternoon dress of rose crepe

made on straight lines with bell sleeves, with brown accessories, and carried

a bouquet of blue and white sweet peas. Mr. Arthur Green was best man. He

and the groom were attired in dark English business suits. The bride's

mother Mrs. T. E. McClain, wore black chiffon trimmed in white lace, and the

groom's mother, Mrs. E. Alexander of Greeley, Colo., wore orange crepe trimmed in gold. Mr. Harold Marino of the Brown Derby Nightclub, rendered, "I Know Now," dedicated to the bride and groom. Dr. J. H. Westbrook and Mr. Eugene Carter acted as ushers. The happy couple will be at home at 2538 Marion St.

#### Steward Fossett Wedding

Rev. Peter R. Fossett and Miss Lena Steward were married Tuesday afternoon by Rev. D. E. Over of Zion Baptist Church. A few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony at the home of the bride.

#### Johnson Perkins Wedding

WEDDING BELLS-----PERKINS-- RITES JOHNSON ----- A chosen few were present at the marriage of Mrs. Billie Johnson to Mr. Edgar Perkins. Mr. Perkins hails from Chicago and Mrs. Perkins from Tampa, Florida. Both have been residents of Denver for more than a year, and are now to make their home here. The young couple have made many friends. Mr. Perkins is connected with the Massage Dept. in the Albany Hotel and is making quite a name for himself among the "Who's Who." The bride was very lovely in pink lace and black accessories. The attendants, Mrs. Muriel A. Wood, wore sky-blue nylon with white and Ernestine Kennedy wore navy with white. The groom's best man, C. Posey, and the acting father, Mr. James Brooks, were up to the minute in dark suits, Rev. Mr. Liggins officiated. The Bride's table was laid with a cream lace cloth, and the beautiful cake was surrounded with bridal wreath and fern, plus all the other lovelies for a perfect reception. Among the guests present we found Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tucker, Lt. and Mrs. Miller, Miss Jackie Johnson, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Helen Wells, Mrs. Bill Blanchard, and Mr. Turner. March 31, 1940s

#### Pitt Waller Wedding

July 17, 1937 Popular Denver Couple To Wed-----PITT-WALLER NUPTIALS TO BE BRILLIANT AFFAIR Miss Florida L. Pitt Chooses Midsummer Wedding August 19th has been set as the date of the marriage of Miss Florida Pitt to Mr. Wade Anthony Waller. The wedding is to be solemnized at the Zion

Baptist Church, followed by a reception, to be held in the lovely garden at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Pitt of 2320 Williams St. Mrs. James R. Gross, sister of the bride, will be matron of honor, the other bridal attendants will include college and school classmates of Miss Pitt. The coming wedding of these young people is creating great interest in Denver social affairs, as both Miss Pitt and Mr. Waller are popular and widely known in the state, and they are members of prominent old families of Denver. Miss Pitt is a graduate of Colorado State Teachers College, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Raggedy Ann Club. Mr. Waller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Waller, pioneer residents of the city, and is engaged in business here. He is a member of the Delphian Literary Society. -August 27, 1937

Local Girl's Wedding One of Seasons Crowning Events-----  
MISS FLORIDA PITT BECOMES BRIDE OF WADE WALLER (By Mrs. E. S. Paley) One of the most fashionable weddings that has taken place in many years was solemnized at Zion Baptist Church, Thursday August 19, when Miss Florida Pitt exchanged nuptial vows with Mr. Wade Waller, both members of Colorado's prominent families. Large Bouquets of gladiolas, baby breath and candelabras of tall candles were used to decorate the Church and the color theme was all white. Long white chiffon streamers were extended down each pew and held in place with lilies of the valley. Rev. W. H. Young, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, read the nuptial service. Miss Pitt who was given in marriage by her father, Mr. C. N. Pitt, was gowned in a period dress by Schaparelli, of Mousseline deSoie with a three yard train, her long tulle veil of Juliet style was secured by orange blossoms and she carried a huge bridal bouquet of white gladiolas, Shasta daisies, sweet peas and talisman roses. Before the ceremony Mr. George Morrison played a violin solo and Miss Faye DeFrantz sang "Because." Mrs. Jessie Maxwell was the accompanist and also played the wedding march. The Bride's attendants wore floor length net redingotes over taffeta in shades of yellow, orange sunset cedar and russet brown, and large off-the-face hats with floor length streamers in shades of salmon, with cut flowers attached, and carried old fashioned nosegays with lighted candles. Miss Fannye (Fannie) Gross, sister of the bride was matron of honor, the bridesmaids were: Helen Adams, Louise Black Draine, Kathryn Parsons, Doris Jenkins, Roberta DeFrantz, Thursa Wigley Grisby, Kathryn Cohron, Florence McFadden. The men in the party were: John Waller, Charles Waller, Noel Waller, Loren Parsons, Frank Barnes, James Gross, Harry Polk, Elbert Stuart, Lee Grisby, best man. The bride's mother, Mrs. Pitt, wore a violet crepe gown with matching lace hat and corsage of gardenias and sweet peas. The groom's mother, Mrs. Waller, wore pink chiffon, matching hat and carried gardenias. An elaborate reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. Many useful and expensive gifts were received by the happy pair. The Church was filled to overflowing as well as the reception in the



garden of the home. They will reside at 2239 Williams Street. The Colorado Statesman and staff extend many congratulations to the happy couple.

#### Brooks Taylor Wedding

SOROR EDNA BROOKS MARRIES SGT. RUSSELL TAYLOR Another "dynamic" Delta became a matron in a double ring ceremony performed Sun., February 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Holmes, Jr., when Soror Edna Earl Brooks and Sgt. Russell Taylor were united in a dignified ceremony. Rev. Wendell Liggins, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, read the nuptial vows with the service lighted by two large candelabra. Pink and white roses and carnations were used as decorations. Pvt. Joseph Pryor sang "This Love of Mine" accompanied by Soror Jessie Whaley-Maxwell before the ceremony. Given in marriage by Dr. Holmes, Soror Brooks wore a brown wool suit made with a tunic, brown pumps and a large brown purse, a green halo hat, blouse, and gloves. She wore a corsage of gardenias and white rosebuds. Soror Lutisha Knox, matron of honor, wore a green jersey suit with a green poke bonnet hat, green gloves and purse. Soror Knox also wore gardenias. Soror Knox and the bride were classmates at the University of Kansas and members of Psi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Soror Oleta Crain (Craine), maid of honor, wore a green crepe dress with a plaid miniature sombrero with green purse and gloves. Corporal Earl Cheers was the best man. Billy Holmes was the ring bearer. Soror Jessie Maxwell played the wedding march. A reception followed at which members of the Delta Sorority, the staff of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch, YMCA, residents of the YWCA, husbands, soldiers at Lowry Field, relatives, and friends were guests. Miss Felice Brooks, sister of the bride, connected with Fitzsimmons Hospital, was present. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks of Little Rock, Arkansas. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas and an assistant at the University of Denver working on her degree in Social Work. Sgt. Taylor, Indianapolis, Indiana, is top-sergeant at Lowry Field. He is in the 322nd Quarter-master Regiment which will permanently be stationed with the Lowry Field Air Corps. Sgt. Taylor has a twin brother, Dr. Lloyd Taylor, a dentist, in Indianapolis, also an aunt, Mrs. May Graham, and an uncle, Mr. George Graham, also of Indianapolis.

#### Thrashley Cooper Wedding

June 21, 1913 Miss Pearl Mary Thrashley and Mr. Jonas Sanford Cooper were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Moses Thrashley last

Wednesday evening, in the presence of a large number of friends. Rev. D. E. Over performed the ceremony. The wedding march was played by her youngest sister, Miss Francheon, Baby Jimmie Adams was ring-bearer June 27, 1925, the ring being carried in an Easter lily. They received many beautiful and expensive presents. They will be at home to their friends at Sullivan, Colorado, after Wednesday, June 25th.

#### Bradshaw Britton Wedding

BRADSHAW, Jennie October 4, 1952TWO OF COLORADO'S PIONEER CITIZENS UNITE IN MARRIAGE Mrs. Jennie Bradshaw is married to Mr. Charles Britton of Arvada, Colorado the past week. The many friends of Mrs. Jennie Bradshaw of 2539 Downing St., are delighted to learn she was happily married to Mr. Charles Britton, popular horticulturist of Arvada, the past wee. the couple motored to Raton, New Mexico where the marriage knot was tied. Mr. and Mrs. Britton are holding a reception at their residence at 2539 Downing Street on Sunday afternoon. October 5th, hours from 4 to 7 p.m., where they will be pleased to welcome all their many friends. Both of the principles are well known in Denver and Colorado, and are receiving many congratulations upon that announcement of their marriage.

#### De Frantz Moore Wedding

Wedding - Moore -De FrantzProminent real estate owners of Denver. All God could do, He has done to render each happy in the other. God in His natural laws will bless all who obey. Denver received the surprise of its life, with reports of the marriage of Mrs. Mabel Z. De Frantz to Mr. W. A. Moore on the evening of Dec. 9th at 6 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Randolph, 2918 1/2 Marion Street. The ceremony was solemnized by the T. E. Henderson. The bride was beautifully gowned. The groom also was handsomely dressed. The two made a lovely couple. She had dreamed how his coming would stir her soul, As the ocean is stirred by the warm storm's strife, He brought her the balm of a Heavenly calm, And peace which crowned her life. Among her many gifts was a Cole S touring car given to her by Mr. W. A. Moore, her husband. The guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Manley and daughter, Mildred. Mrs. Mabel Hendricks, Miss Eva May Stubblefield and Mr. W. D. Fort. After the ceremony, covers were laid for fourteen at the home of the bridegroom. the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their two charming little daughters,

Roberta and Faye De Frantz, will be at 2331 Ogden Street. May God bless the happy couple.

#### Ragland Norrid Wedding

Zion's first elected pastor William Norrid... a well digger from Missouri According to City and County of Denver marriage records, Book 300-page 365, Norrid married Catherine Ragland on April 8, 1887. The marriage license, number 4851, was issued on the 5th of April 1887 by the county clerk, Chas. H. Scott. Zion's pastor, Reverend W. P. T. Jones, "solemnized the rites" of William and Catherine. The marriage record report listed their race a white. This is another perplexing fact. If Norrid and Ragland were that fair, why were they not listed as mulattos? Carrie Washington and William Barnette were witnesses. Carrie Washington was Zion's clerk in 1887. This verified Norrid's linkage with Zion Baptist Church about twenty years after he was no longer its pastor. The fact that Norrid selected Zion's pastor to marry him shows some indication that Norrid was in "good standing" with the Church.

#### Sanderlin Daily Wedding

September 15, 1923 Sanderlin-Daily Nuptials The marriage of Miss Minnie Sanderlin and Mr. Earl Dailey was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chapman at Andrews Park, Wednesday night. Miss Sanderlin is one of our most beautiful and charming young ladies and Mr. Dailey an energetic, industrious young man. We extend them best wishes for a happy journey through life.-----Mrs. W. E. Dailey, formerly Miss Minnie, presented her husband with a fine 9 ¼ pound boy, Monday, June 16 (1924). Mother and baby are doing fine at Mrs. Carrie Washington's Maternity Home 1314 East Twenty-eighth Avenue.

#### Mr. and Mrs. James B. Russell Wedding

April 30, 1927 WEDDING RECEPTION A very pretty little reception was given to the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Russell, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Chapman, 2140 Humboldt, Wednesday evening, April 27. Many lovely presents were received by the happy couple. The bride looked

very lovely in a gown of ivory satin in lace and pearl trimmings and carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses.

#### Gibbs Mann Wedding

April 3, 1926Colorado StatesmanPage 2 Column 1HISTORICAL NOTE:LT. EARL W. MANN WEDS MRS. GRACE GIBBS----- Lt. Earl W. Mann, for many years socially prominent and leader among the World War veterans, and Mrs. Grace Gibbs of Chicago were united in marriage Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, at the A. M. E. parsonage, the Rev. A. Wayman Ward officiating. Mrs. Marie Brown served as bridesmaid and Mr. Fred Clement stood up as the best man. Following the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served at the residence of Mrs. Brown, 2846 Lafayette street, with only the immediately members of the bridal party present. The happy couple are (is) receiving the congratulations of their hosts of Denver friends and The Colorado Statesman joins in wishes for their complete happiness and prosperity.

#### Montgomery Bolden Wedding

April 9, 1921Colorado StatesmanPage 5 Column 2THE MONTGEMORY-BOLDEN WEDDING----- One of the prettiest little weddings of the season, April 7th, 8 p. m., at 3022 Welton street, the home of the bride, when Beatrice May Montgomery, daughter of Mrs. Florence Slade, and one of the members of the younger social set, became the wife of James Alden Bolden, popular Denver citizen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Thomas, pastor of Shorter A.M.E. Church, who in his usual impressive manner imported blessings on the union of the two young people and invoked Devine guidance for their entering on the two-fold life. Precisely at 8 o'clock the groom, attended by Ernest J. Brooks, best man, entered the beautifully decorated parlor (pink and white scheme consisting of carnations, etc.), followed by the bride, who descended the stairway supported by her mother, who gave her away, and Miss Hortense White, the bridesmaid, who acted her part with much grace and accomplishment. The bride looked charming in a dress of white shadow lace with dainty slippers to match, and carried a bouquet of white roses, while the bridesmaid was attired in white organdie, carrying pink carnations. The groom and groomsman were in the usual conventional dress and offered an appearance no less attractive than the bride and her attendant. Mrs. Slade wore a beautiful creation of black satin, very becoming a matron of a few summers. About seventy-five members of the younger set attended the wedding, Mrs. Bolden being one of

the foundationers of The Girls' Pleasure Seekers' Society, and her husband being popular in the order of Elks. Many well-wishers and life-long friends of the happy couple were present to bid them a safe voyage on the matrimonial sea of life, also out-of-town guests – Mrs. Henrietta Patterson, a favorite aunt of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bolden of Fort Morgan, Colo., brother and sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Fern Morton presided at the piano, playing the wedding march from Lobengrin, also popular selections, and Miss Hortense White sang, "I Know What It Means to Be Lonesome." A dainty wedding supper of fine appointments was served, to which full justice was done by the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Bolden, being popularly known, have the best wishes for every success in their new life, and Colorado Statesman joins with their many friends of well-wishers. =====

#### Morrison Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

November 23, 1912 Colorado Statesman Page 5 Column 2 SOCIETAL

NOTE: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY----- "Blessed be the tie that binds," graced the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. George R. Morrison celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary at their beautiful home, 834 Fox street. November 15, 1912. The house was artistically decorated with white and green together with ferns and chrysanthemums (chrysanthemums), which made a very beautiful picture. Standing room could hardly be provided for the host of earnest friends that thronged the place from far and near. It seemed as though an unseen hand guided the affair. Tokens of real value are still coming at this writing. Surely the goodness and mercy shall follow them the remainder of their lives. Part of the evening was enjoyed listening to vocal and instrumental solos by Mesdames Jones, Johnson and Miss Thrashley, Dunbar's selection by Mr. L. S. McWilliams, vocal solo and recitation by Miss Fitzhugh, the blind girl of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to their many friends that have shown their appreciation in various ways and wish them a long and happy life. The bride wore steel gray satin, very plain and simple and a reef of smilax, which fell to the bottom of her dress and caught with carnation, while the groom wore a dark suit and white vest.

#### MRS. ELLA NORA CROSBY WARD

September 21, 1912 Colorado Statesman Page 5 Column 3 Historical

Note: MRS. ELLA NORA CROSBY WARD----- Mrs. Ella Nora Crosby Ward

was born of Alex and Hannah Crosby in Hannibal, Mo., June 4, 1868. She died in Cheyenne, Wyo., Sunday, Sept. 15, 1912, at 7:15 p. m. Age 44 years, 3 months, 11 days. When yet a child she moved with her parents to Saline county, MO., where she lived until she was united in marriage to the Rev. A. M. Ward, Sept. 20, 1887. For almost twenty-five years she has shared the joys, successes, burdens and sorrows of her husband in the ministerial life. To this happy union three children were born: A. Wayman, H. Vera and T. Vergil, all of whom survive her. She was happily converted and united with the church at the age of fifteen years. For more than twenty-nine years she has lived a consistent Christian life, and a faithful member of the church. For the past fifteen years of her life has been consecrated and devoted to the missionary work of the church wherever it has been her lot to labor. She has been able to fire the hearts of most every member in the charges. Her missionary work was largely done in the state of Kansas where she moved with her husband immediately after her marriage. Her five years of faithful work in Colorado and the Colorado conference reached its climax when she was just elected to the presidency of the work in the conference but was called to her reward ere she could assume the duties of that office. She leaves behind her a husband, fully devoted to her; three children as dear to her as her own life, one child who has been ordained to the Christian ministry, a brother, a sister, other relatives and a host of friends, who mourn her loss. Rev. Pope, the recently appointed pastor of Shorter's, had charge of the services. Rev. Washington read a portion of Scripture. Rev. Wallace read the song service. Rev. Wiseman sang a solo. Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Ward were read from the following orders: Women's Mite Missionary Society, Mrs. Ida DePriest; Stewardess Board, Mrs. Glenn; A. M. E. Sabbath School, J. C. Porter; Sewing Circle, Mrs. Linzey; Deaconess, Mrs. L. Lewis; Trustee Board, Mrs. Glenn; Taka Art, Mrs. Theta Miller; Eastern Star, Mrs. J. R. Contee. Solo by Mrs. Lillian Jones. Obituary read by Rev. Holmes. Sermon was delivered by Rec. J. C. C. Owens, who had known the deceased for a number of years. Solo by Miss Jennie Hicks. There was a profusion of flowers, the gifts of friends who honored, loved and admired the deceased. Interment was at Fairmount cemetery. Lawhorn Undertaking Co. in charge.

#### von Dickerson Mitchell Wedding

November 16, 1912 Colorado Statesman Page 5 Column 1 Societal Note: Invitations were sent out announcing the marriage of Miss Elsie von Dickersohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Von Dickersohn, to Mr. Robert Mitchell, at Shorter's A. M. E. church, on Wednesday evening, November 27.

#### Hand Rector Wedding

November 9, 1907Colorado StatesmanPage 5 Column 1Mr. T. S. Rector and Mrs. Hattie H. Hand were quietly married Tuesday evening November 5, 1907 at Shorters parsonage by Rev. A. M. Ward. The bride is a recent arrival from Arkansas City, Kans., and is a niece of Edward Banks. Mr. Rector is prominent in the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternity and is one of Denver's well to do citizens who counts his friends by the scores. For sixteen years he has been in the employ of the T. D. Ross Cigar Co., and is recognized as one of the best and most efficient clerks in the employ of this popular enterprise. We extend our hearty congratulations.

#### Groves-Renick Wedding

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 1943Charming Bride-----MISS GROVES-RENICK, CHARMING DENVER GIRL WHOSE MARRIAGE IS ANNOUNCED-----  
----Mrs. Camilia Groves Renick announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Ophelia Mitchell, formerly Ophelia Groves, of 2223 Marion Street, to Mr. Elmore Mitchell, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It was a surprise to her mother, Mrs. Renick, as well as it will be to their friends. The marriage was performed some time ago. The bride is a graduate of West high school in Denver and is popular in the younger set and all wish her many happy congratulations.

#### Fontaine Borom Wedding

Lawrence Hugh Borom and Betty Jean Fontaine met as teachers at Dunham Elementary School in Cleveland, Ohio in 1962. After a brief courtship we became engaged in June, 1963. Five months later, we married, Nov. 29 1963. We married at St. Marks Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Joan Alexander Maid of Honor and Phillip Borom was Best Man at the wedding. We have lived in St. Paul, MN., Teaneck NJ., New York City, NT., Grand Rapids MI., and current in Denver, CO.

#### Nelson James Wedding

Lia Nelson and Raymond James' wedding occurred at the Washington Park Chapel in Denver, Colorado. The splendid reception followed the wedding at the Marriott City Center in Downtown, Denver.

#### Mascotti Jackson Wedding

Traditional Hawaiian Ceremony, on the beach at sunset.

Bride: Regina Lee Mascotti

Groom: Gary Monroe Jackson

Location: Kona Village, HI

Mother of the Groom: Nancelia Jackson

Best Man: Uncle of the Groom, Arthur Scott

Maid of Honor: Daughter of the Bride, Tara Lynn Mascotti

Date: September 30, 1986

In attendance: 18 Friends from the mainland!

#### Mary and Edward Scott

Mary and Edward Scott married in the mid 1920s in Mississippi. They married during a time when money was tight, civil rights were tighter, and dreams were tightest. Yet, this couple from the South found love amid cotton fields, high sheriffs, and prohibition. They moved to Denver, Colorado to find clearer way. Mary and Ed ... Ed and Mary worked hard, drove new brown or black Pontiacs, went to the dog and horse tracks, played Bid Whist, ate deep-fried oysters, and made sure all who entered their doors maintained a high level of respect for their family. Mary Scott began smoking a pipe when she was nine years old. She said the smell of the smoke helped her to stand the smell of the animals while she milked the cows. She enjoyed small bottles of Coca Cola and made them last for hours. She cooked corn bread in an oil-lined black skillet---She buttered store-bought rolls before baking them. She beat her bowls of ice cream before eating the creamy, smooth substance. She purchased many, many shoes from Denver's Fontius shoe store. I think she wore a size seven. "When I first came to Denver, I wore a size five", she often lamented. Edward Scott, also known as "Mr. Ed" of "Ed Scott", always wore white shirts, a brown felt hat, suspenders, and dress slacks. After retirement from the Rio Grand Railroad, he cut lawns, painted houses, and did hammer and nail kinds of small jobs...He loved sitting in the front porch swing and watching the squirrels. He



would sometimes comment about what a squirrel or two had done that particular day.... He would chuckle while recounting the events. Ed and Mary, Mary and Ed had eyes for clothes and good living, but family came first. Children Their Blended family consisted of Revell Washington, Eugene Washington, Cleotha Brown (Bell), Alfred Charles Scott, Vernie Lee Scott and Edward Scott, Jr. Mary Chalk Washington Scott was born on February 29, 1899 in a small town in Arkansas. (Needs verification). Mary spent most of her life in Mississippi near the Leland/Greenville area. Her parents were George and Ella Goodman. George was a preacher who was known for riding a white horse. Ella was homemaker or "kept house". Edward Scott was born in Boley, Mississippi circa 1897. School and Work Mary Chalk attended a small probably segregated school as evidenced in an old photograph. After moving to Denver, Colorado in the early 1940s, Mary became a domestic worker and a Practical Nurse. She obtained her nursing education from Denver's Gamper School of Nursing. Mary Scott was a member of the Order of Eastern Stars- Evergreen Chapter. Edward Scott was a laborer for the Rio Grand Railroad Company. He also owned and operated a gas station near the corner of 22nd and Humboldt Street in Northeast Denver. Zion Baptist Church At the times of their deaths, Mary, Cleotha, and Eugene were fifty-plus year members of Zion Baptist Church. Mary belonged to the Boosters Club. Cleotha served on the Children's Usher board. Eugene was a member of the Athletic Department. While their attendance was not exemplary, their devotion to Zion was steadfast. Final Resting Places Edward Scott died May 22, 1982. Mary died Thursday, April 14, 1988. Vernie Lee passed away \_\_\_\_\_. Revell, died May \_\_\_\_, and Eugene November 4, 2006. Alfred Charles Scott died June 4, 1968. Alfred, Vernie, Revell, and Eugene are buried at Denver's Fort Logan Cemetery. Cleotha passed away August 30th 2011. She is buried next to her parents at Highland Memorial Gardens, Thornton, Colorado. Photographs The photograph of Mary and Edward Scott was taken in Denver, Colorado circa 1950s. The eight-by-ten artifact adorned family hutch and coffee tables for many years. The photograph of the Scott Family was taken in the Leland/Greenville Mississippi area-circa 1934. \*Edward Scott, Jr., lived in Chicago, Illinois.