

An Anniversary - Outstanding Black Women Of Yalobusha County –One Year Later



By Dottie Chapman Reed

Reed is a native of Water Valley and graduated from Davidson High School in 1970. She has launched a project to compile and share info about women in the county who have made an impact on the African American community. Her column appears bi-monthly, with occasional exceptions.

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Unbelievable best describes my feelings about how this project has advanced. Several months back my millennial cousin, Jametric Judson, said to me, "You didn't think this would get this big did you?"

I smiled and said, "No I did not." Though I explained its origin in the first article, I did not mention that I wrote the piece from a hospital bed. Now I can celebrate the first anniversary and a new lease on life. I have not heard that phrase in a long time and am not sure if it is appropriate to use. I am so thankful and give all the glory to God.

I am humble indeed to be writing article number 23 and consider this project a true blessing. While the design is to recognize unsung but outstanding women from a small, little known county in Mississippi – Yalobusha - we are moving forward.

Its location 18 miles from the state's flagship university has placed the county in an interesting position. More and more academicians or folks associated with Ole Miss are moving into the area. Yet a decade or so earlier, drivers would rarely stop in Water Valley, one of the county seats and my hometown, or any place in Yalobusha County; they just passed through.

The county population is around 14,000 with fewer than 4,000 in Water Valley. By

the way, there is also a Water Valley in Kentucky and one in Texas - both much smaller than Mississippi's.

While I cannot claim that the circulation of the North Mississippi Herald has increased, I can say that this project has opened doors to relationships that were dormant or non-existent. The positive phone calls from white men have been the most surprising and welcomed. The comments from my family and close friends have been empowering even if I have not been able to convince my sons that they could learn more about their mother if they would read my work!

Black men from Water Valley now living in other states have encouraged me to write about their male friends and family members, especially the veterans. The positive comments keep coming. Others keep mentioning writing a book, but I am nowhere near there.

The most perplexing phenomenon is

how this project continues to grow – one column leads to another without stress or gaps or a lack of ideas. And there is no shortage of outstanding black women either. I believe I mentioned before that I have never taken a journalism course and barely made it through my second-year English courses, and I have no recollection of taking a math class.

I best leave that alone, for fear that Ole Miss might try to take my degree back. My readers have told me that they look forward to each article, and that one or another has inspired, reminded them of their past or opened their minds or hearts in a new and meaningful way.

This column pulls me into my past while exploring the lives of some remarkably strong black women, and though I feel I am sharing way too much about me, if that is what it takes to continue to move this project forward, so be it.

I do not think that my life has been ex-

ceptional in any way. Many others grew up like me in the deep south, in my case so sheltered and deprived that I am embarrassed to say that I'm still learning about how poor and deprived I was. Reminiscing is not always fun and can even be sad and depressing.

This is the reason I am so thankful for the women and men who guided and covered me. I now find it most rewarding to examine their lives more closely. In doing so, we learn more, and we become better. Working with Ole Miss this fall to gather individual and family stories will allow us to dig deeper into the richness of our community and help us understand and appreciate our history. We must record and preserve it for the generations to come.

Following is a portion of my history in my review of former first lady, Michelle Obama's book *Becoming*, where she wrote about being first and black.

Becoming First and Black

I love former First Lady Michelle Obama! After hearing a couple of her interviews about her book, *Becoming*, I asked myself what else could I learn from the book itself. Not much, I thought. So why buy it? Definitely no need to rush to get it. I'll just wait for one of my girlfriends to finish hers. Book sales were off the charts, and her book tour arenas were selling out with overflow crowds.

With another 10-day stay in Fayette-

ville, North Carolina facing me – I would be staying with my 13-year-old grandson while his Fort Bragg 2nd lieutenant dad is out in the field again – I decided I best get a good book. And I did, finding in *Becoming* Michelle Obama's honest and open account of her life. It prompted deep reflection of my own.

While I was already a great admirer of our former first lady, my respect for the

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUCHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

YALOBUCHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND JAZMIN MEADOW RAIN SANDERS, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS

JOSHUA TYLER SANDERS CO-PETITIONER

VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-CV-54

JESSIE MAE RAY SANDERS, RAYMOND POYNER, JR., AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Jessie Mae Ray Sanders, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose last known post office address is 4135 Ward Ave., Memphis, TN 38108.

TO: Unknown Putative Father, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioner after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioner.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Yalobusha County Department of Child Protection Services, by Marcus D. Davenport, and Jazmin Meadow Rain Sanders, a minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control, and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Yalobusha County Department of Child Protection Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00 AM ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE PANOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 215 S. POCOHONTAS ST., SARDIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 6th day of June, 2019.

AMY FERNANDEZ MCMINN, CLERK
YALOBUCHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI 38965
BY: Brenda K. Joiner

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUCHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

YALOBUCHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND STEVEN EDWARD LEE PERKINS, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT PETITIONERS

VS. FILE NO. 19-CV-48

TINA MARIE ARCHER, JOEY LEE PERKINS, AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2005, Trevor Adams, a single man executed a certain deed of trust to American Title Co., Inc., Trustee for the benefit of The Hurricane Mortgage Company, Inc. which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Yalobusha County, State of Mississippi in Book 165 at Page 449; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WF4 has heretofore substituted Shapiro & Brown, LLC as Trustee by instrument dated March 20, 2019 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 20191 at Page 545; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WF4, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shapiro & Brown, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on July 18, 2019 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the North Door of the County Courthouse of Yalobusha County, located at 14440 Main Street, Coffeeville, MS 38922, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Yalobusha County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Part of the SW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 15, T24N, R4E, First Judicial District, Yalobusha County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the east side of a gravel road, said point being 1204.7 feet north and 397.2 feet east of the SW corner of said Section 15, proceed thence away said road South 85 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 232.59 feet to an iron pin, thence South 27 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 280.83 feet to an iron pin; thence North 62 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West 164.52 feet to an iron pin on the East side of said gravel road thence along said road as follows North 40 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 60.00 feet, North 19 degrees 21 minutes 28 seconds East 49.04 feet, North 0 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West 46.19 feet, North 9 degrees 35 minutes 34 seconds West 53.59 feet to the point of beginning, containing

1.0 acre. Reserving an easement 10' in width along the west side of said parcel for the purpose of utilities. Attached hereto is survey with same being made a part of this Warranty Deed as if copied wholly herein in words and figures and if there be any inconsistencies in the above legal description that the survey will be considered controlling.

EASEMENT: Part of the SW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 15, T24N, R4E, First Judicial District, Yalobusha County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north right-of-way of a public county road, said point being thence N 0°26'47" W 77.25 to and from the SW corner of said Section 15; proceed thence around said easement as follows, thence N 0°26'47" W 27.83 feet, N 27°58'00"E 196.07 feet, N 22°54'08" W 90.37 feet, N 4°24'41" W 225.58 feet, N 17°39'36"E 225.03 feet, N 40°15'27"E 373.11 feet, N 24°06'41"E 21.63 feet, N 0°18'30"E 36.93 feet, N 13°54'16"W 99.69 feet, N 13°43'27"E 104.61 feet, N 27°29'28"W 102.09 feet, N 56°23'33"W 358.52 feet, N 34°08'09"E 50.00 feet, S 55°22'13"E 383.37 feet, S 24°53'24"E 124.06 feet, S 14°25'10"W 100.43 feet, S 14°13'55"E 94.45 feet, S 0°54'00"E 46.19 feet, S 19°21'28"W 49.04 feet, S 40°10'19"W 380.58 feet, S 16°35'39"W 205.44 feet, S 5°22'49"E 206.83 feet, S 17°50'32"E 108.91 feet, S 27°58'00"W 209.47 feet, N 89°45'11"W 41.52 feet to the point-of-beginning, intending to describe a 50 foot right-of-way for a road.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 10th day of June, 2019.

Shapiro & Brown, LLC
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

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Scobey, MS 38953
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NOTICE OF BIDS

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Yalobusha County, Mississippi that Yalobusha County shall receive sealed competitive bids for the lease of certain real property containing 40 acres of land owned by Yalobusha County located at Ajinomoto-Windsor Foods Plant near Oakland, Mississippi until 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2019 in the office of the Chancery Clerk at the Yalobusha County Courthouse in Water Valley, Mississippi.

The term of the lease shall commence on the acceptance of the bid and end December 31, 2019. The purpose of the lease shall be for growing of hay. Other terms of the lease, including description of the land, are on file in the Chancery Clerk's office at Water Valley, Mississippi.

This the 28th day of May, 2019.

/s/ Amy F. McMinn

Amy F. McMinn,
Chancery Clerk and Clerk of the Board

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUCHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES TURNER, DECEASED

LUCY TURNER POLK, PETITIONER

NO.19-CV-40

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The unknown heirs-at-law and next of kin of James Turner, deceased, under the provisions of §§91-1-27 and 91-1-29 of the Miss. Code Ann. (1972) as revised and supplemented.

You have been made a Respondent in the Petition filed in this Court by the Petitioner, Lucy Turner Polk, individually, seeking to Adjudicate the Heirs at Law of James Turner, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 29th day of July, 2019, in the courtroom of the Yalobusha County Courthouse in Water Valley, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 14 day of June, 2019.

Amy F. McMinn
Yalobusha County Chancery Clerk
Post Office Box 664
Water Valley, MS 38965

By: Amy F. McMinn D.C.C.
(Seal)