

## Chapter 8: African-American Blackledge Families

### Introduction

**Note:** David W. Blackledge of Carlisle, PA, is currently composing the introduction to this chapter. Every entry in a genealogical report calls for more research – if nothing else, researchers are always looking for collaboration with the known sources. This chapter, however, represents a stronger call for additional work than most.

There are numerous Blackledges and Blacklidges in America that the compilers have been unable to link to one of the ‘major’ lines presented in the preceding chapters. This chapter presents our findings on many of the families of African-American descent that we have located. As was done with Chapter 7, we have chosen to limit this chapter to the families for which we have three or more generations of data.

Since our knowledge is limited to relatively few African-American lines, we have chosen to list them under the line's progenitor, who is sometimes listed with our Database Record Number as a unique identifier within this book. This Chapter did not appear in the first edition of this book, and we respectfully request assistance and additional information on these and other African-American Blackledge Family lines.

James Monroe Blackledge (b. Wilmington, NC) - #40152, 6 generations

Charles Blackledge (b. Mobile, AL) is database #4720, 3 generations

Charlie Blackledge - database #40167, 3 generations

Cornelius "Neil" Blackledge (b. Aug 1870 in NC) - database #33400, 3 generations

Allen Blackledge (b. Demopolis, AL) - #40090, 3 generations

Blackledge - #33545, 2 sons and grandchildren

## James Monroe BLACKLEDGE

### First Generation

1. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE \*NC-AfAm** was born in Wilmington, NC.<sup>1</sup>

**Sarah ATWOOD** was born in Wilmington, NC.<sup>1</sup> James Monroe BLACKLEDGE \*NC-AfAm and Sarah ATWOOD had the following children:

- +2            i. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE \*NC-AfAm**, born in 1877, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC<sup>1-3</sup>; married Catherine HILL<sup>1,3</sup>; died on 20 Dec 1944, Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>1</sup>.

### Second Generation

2. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE \*NC-AfAm** was born in 1877 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.<sup>1-3</sup> He was 36 and his middle initial was M. on the 1910 Census and but H. on his son James' death certificate and his death certificate gave his middle name as Monroe and had him born in 1877. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. James M. Blackledge (36, black, married one time for 12 years, fisherman) was listed with his wife Kathryn (38, married one time for 12 years, had given birth to 4 children and all were still living), and children all born in NC: James (11), Etta M. (8), Emmaline (7), and Sylvester (5). He died by drowning on 20 Dec 1944 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>1</sup> James had gone out fishing and his body was found in the water near the boat. He was buried on 26 Dec 1944 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.<sup>1</sup>

James Monroe BLACKLEDGE \*NC-AfAm and Catherine HILL married.<sup>1,3</sup> **Catherine HILL** was born about 1872 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.<sup>2,3</sup> James Monroe BLACKLEDGE \*NC-AfAm and Catherine HILL had the following children:

- +3            i. **James H. BLACKLEDGE (AfAm - NC)**, born in 1897, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC<sup>2</sup>; died on 5 Jan 1940, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>2</sup>.
- +4            ii. **Etta May BLACKLEDGE (AfAm/NC)**, born in 1900, NC<sup>3,4</sup>; married A. E. COOPER<sup>4</sup>; died on 8 Feb 1927, Myrtle Grove, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>4</sup>.
- +5            iii. **Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE (AfAm/NC)**, born about 1903, NC<sup>3</sup>; married FENNELL<sup>4</sup>.
- +6            iv. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. (Af Am)**, born on 11 Jan 1905, NC<sup>3,5</sup>; married Vera O. FOREMAN, Cuyahoga Co, OH ?right Hayward<sup>6</sup>; married Georgia L. COCHRAN, on 14 Oct 1980, Cuyahoga Co, OH<sup>6,7</sup>; died on 9 Mar 1990, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH<sup>5</sup>.

## Third Generation

3. **James H. BLACKLEDGE (AfAm - NC)**<sup>8</sup> was born in 1897 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.<sup>2</sup> He died of acute nephritis from exposure to the cold, at Wilmington Community Hospital on 5 Jan 1940 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>2</sup> He was buried on 7 Jan 1940 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.<sup>2</sup> He was a merchant who had a grocery store and filling station.<sup>2</sup>

**Winnie LOFTIN/LOFTON**<sup>8</sup>. James H. BLACKLEDGE (AfAm - NC) and Winnie LOFTIN/LOFTON had the following children:

- +7            i. **Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Sr. (NC) (AfAm)**, born in Sep 1923<sup>9,10</sup>; died in Aug 1964<sup>9</sup>.
- +8            ii. **Catherine BLACKLEDGE**, born on 9 Dec 1925, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>8,10</sup>.
- 9             iii. **Jannie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Sep 1927 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup>
- 10            iv. **Irene BLACKLEDGE** was born on 10 Jun 1932.<sup>8</sup>
- 11            v. **Gladys Larneice BLACKLEDGE** was born on 7 Nov 1934 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup>

4. **Etta May BLACKLEDGE (AfAm/NC)** was born in 1900 in NC.<sup>3,4</sup> She died of acute nephritis on 8 Feb 1927 in Myrtle Grove, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>4</sup>

Etta May BLACKLEDGE (AfAm/NC) and A. E. COOPER married.<sup>4</sup> **A. E. COOPER**.

5. **Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE (AfAm/NC)** was born about 1903 in NC.<sup>3</sup>

Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE (AfAm/NC) and FENNELL married.<sup>4</sup> **FENNELL**.

6. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. (Af Am)** was born on 11 Jan 1905 in NC.<sup>3,5</sup> Ohio Deaths gave his birthdate as 11 Jan 1901, but he was shown as the fourth child in the family and just 5 years old on the 1910 census which would make him born about 1905. He died on 9 Mar 1990 in Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.<sup>5</sup> He lived in Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga Co, OH in 1990.<sup>5</sup>

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. (Af Am) and Vera O. FOREMAN married in Cuyahoga Co, OH ?right Hayward.<sup>6</sup> **Vera O. FOREMAN**.

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. (Af Am) and Georgia L. COCHRAN married on 14 Oct 1980 in Cuyahoga Co, OH.<sup>6,7</sup> **Georgia L. COCHRAN** was born about 1925.<sup>7</sup>

## Fourth Generation

7. **Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Sr. (NC) (AfAm)**<sup>10</sup> was born in Sep 1923.<sup>9,10</sup> Lindsay's birthday was the 6th on NC Birth Index but the 9th on the SSDI. He died in Aug 1964.<sup>9</sup>

**Amelia MITCHELL**<sup>11</sup>. Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Sr. (NC) (AfAm) and Amelia MITCHELL had the following children:

- +12        i. **Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born on 12 Apr 1950, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>10,12</sup>; married Sang Suk LEE<sup>11</sup>; died on 31 Jul 1986, Durham, Durham Co, NC<sup>11,12</sup>.
- +13        ii. **Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born on 15 Mar 1951, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>8</sup>; married Sharon SAMUELS<sup>11</sup>; died on 17 Sep 1993, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC<sup>11</sup>.
- 14        iii. **Lisa Deborah BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 Mar 1952 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup>

8. **Catherine BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Dec 1925 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8,10</sup>

**Bernard SPICER**<sup>8</sup>. Catherine BLACKLEDGE and Bernard SPICER had the following children:

- 15        i. **<Son> BLACKLEDGE** was born on 22 Aug 1944 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup>
- 16        ii. **<Daughter> BLACKLEDGE** was born on 6 Nov 1943 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>11</sup> She died on 6 Nov 1943 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>11</sup>

## Fifth Generation

12. **Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 12 Apr 1950 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>10,12</sup> He died on 31 Jul 1986 in Durham, Durham Co, NC.<sup>11,12</sup> He was buried on 4 Aug 1986 in Wilmington National Cemetery, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>12</sup> He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.<sup>13,14</sup> A SFC, Lindsey was discharged 12 June 1986.

Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Sang Suk LEE married.<sup>11</sup> **Sang Suk LEE**.

13. **Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born on 15 Mar 1951 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup> He died on 17 Sep 1993 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>11</sup>

Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Sharon SAMUELS married.<sup>11</sup> **Sharon SAMUELS**. Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Sharon SAMUELS had the following children:

- 17        i. **Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 24 Jul 1979 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup>
- 18        ii. **Terrie Lynette BLACKLEDGE** was born on 23 Oct 1980 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>8</sup>
- 19        iii. **Lamar Curley BLACKLEDGE** was born on 22 Sep 1981 in New Hanover Co, NC.<sup>10</sup>

## Sources for James Monroe Blackledge family (Chapter 8)

1. Death Certificate #28590 for James Monroe Blackledge, North Carolina

State Board of Health.

2. Death Certificate #9 for James H. Blackledge, North Carolina State Board of Health.

3. 1910 Federal Census.

4. Death Certificate #61 for Etta May (Blackledge) Cooper, North Carolina State Board of Health.

5. Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2002, online at ancestry.com.

6. Cuyahoga County [OH] Probate Court Marriage Index, online.

7. Ohio Marriage Index, 1970, 1972-2007, ancestry.com.

8. New Hanover County, NC: Register of Deeds, Vital Records, Births, online.

9. Social Security Death Index (SSDI).

10. North Carolina Birth Index, 1800-2000, ancestry.com.

11. North Carolina Deaths and Burials, 1898-1994, familysearch.com.

12. Wilmington National Cemetery Burials. Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.

Internet information.

13. Nationwide Gravesite Locator, online.

14. Find A Grave database, online.

## Charles BLACKLEDGE

### First Generation

1. **Charles BLACKLEDGE \* (African American)** was born in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.<sup>1</sup> He died in Cincinnati, OH.<sup>1</sup> He is African American.

**Mary JENKINS** (daughter of Benjamin JENKINS and Paralee BYRD) was born on 5 Oct 1883 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.<sup>1,2</sup> She died on 28 Jul 1947 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.<sup>1,2</sup> She was buried on 2 Aug 1947 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.<sup>2</sup> Charles BLACKLEDGE \* (African American) and Mary JENKINS had the following children:

- +2      i. **Jerome BLACKLEDGE (AfAm)**, born on 26 Aug 1903, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL<sup>1,3</sup>; married Isie-Lee COOPER, on 6 Jan 1950, Cook Co, IL<sup>4</sup>; died on 20 Jun 1972<sup>3,5</sup>.
- 3      ii. **George Leon BLACKLEDGE AfAm** was born on 9 Jul 1905 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.<sup>2</sup> He died on 20 Apr 1941 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.<sup>2</sup> He was buried on 25 Apr 1941 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.<sup>2</sup> He was a bellman.<sup>2</sup>

## Second Generation

2. **Jerome BLACKLEDGE (AfAm)** was born on 26 Aug 1903 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.<sup>1,3</sup> He lived at 1127 S. Francisco Av in Chicago, IL about 1965.<sup>1</sup> At that time Jerome wrote to David W. Blackledge: "I have no other information concerning my relatives. As I am a negro therefore I can't trace my ancestors only as far as slavery." In 1964, his family resided at Chicago, IL. He died on 20 Jun 1972.<sup>3,5</sup>

Jerome BLACKLEDGE (AfAm) and Isie-Lee COOPER married on 6 Jan 1950 in Cook Co, IL.<sup>4</sup> **Isie-Lee COOPER** was born on 3 Nov 1917 in Greenwood, MS.<sup>1</sup> Jerome BLACKLEDGE (AfAm) and Isie-Lee COOPER had the following children:

- 4            i. **Jerome BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born on 19 Feb 1950 in Chicago, IL.<sup>1</sup>
- 5            ii. **Dante BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born on 6 Apr 1953 in Chicago, IL.<sup>1</sup>

### Sources for Charles Blackledge family (Chapter 8)

1. David W. Blackledge Collection, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
2. Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947, familysearch.org.
3. Social Security Death Index (SSDI).
4. Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960, ancestry.com.
5. Cook County (IL) Clerk's Office, genealogy online search.

## Charlie BLACKLEDGE

### First Generation

1. **Charlie BLACKLEDGE \*LA(AfAm)**<sup>1</sup>.

**Aline DOUGLAS** was born on 30 May 1902.<sup>2</sup> She died on 5 Jan 1985.<sup>2,3</sup> She was buried in New Mt. Zion Cemetery, Raceland, LaFourche Parish, LA.<sup>1,3</sup> She lived lastly in Cut Off, Lafourche Parish, LA.<sup>2</sup> Charlie BLACKLEDGE \*LA(AfAm) and Aline DOUGLAS had the following children:

- +2            i. **Willie BLACKLEDGE AfAm**, born on 30 Jan 1938, Valentine, LA<sup>1,2</sup>; married Louella GRAY<sup>1</sup>; died on 21 Feb 2001<sup>1,2</sup>.
- +3            ii. **Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr. AfAm**, born on 26 Dec 1940<sup>4</sup>; married Celeste NELSON<sup>3,5</sup>.
- 4            iii. **Jimmy BLACKLEDGE AfAm** lived in Raceland, LA when his brother Willie died in 2001.<sup>1</sup>

## Second Generation

2. **Willie BLACKLEDGE AfAm** was born on 30 Jan 1938 in Valentine, LA.<sup>1,2</sup> He died on 21 Feb 2001.<sup>1,2</sup> He was buried on 26 Feb 2001 in Greater New Fountain Baptist Church Cemetery, Lockport, LA.<sup>1</sup> He lived in Raceland, LA when he died in 2001.<sup>1</sup> He was a retired petroleum technician for Exxon and a member of Greater New Fountain Baptist Church.<sup>1</sup>

Willie BLACKLEDGE AfAm and Louella GRAY married.<sup>1</sup> **Louella GRAY** (daughter of Samuel Verett GRAY Sr. and Elva DAVIS) was born on 11 Nov 1946.<sup>4</sup> Willie BLACKLEDGE AfAm and Louella GRAY had the following children:

- 5           i. **Pamela BLACKLEDGE AfAm**<sup>1</sup>.
- 6           ii. **Gregory BLACKLEDGE AfAm**<sup>1</sup>.
- 7           iii. **Dwight BLACKLEDGE AfAm**<sup>1</sup>.
- 8           iv. **Kelly BLACKLEDGE AfAm**<sup>1</sup>.
- 9           v. **Kendra BLACKLEDGE AfAm**<sup>1</sup>.

3. **Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr. AfAm**<sup>5</sup> was born on 26 Dec 1940.<sup>4</sup>

Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr. AfAm and Celeste NELSON married.<sup>3,5</sup> **Celeste NELSON** (daughter of Erick NELSON and Gertrude JACKSON) was born on 3 Feb 1942.<sup>2</sup> She died on 10 Oct 1984 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA.<sup>2,5</sup> She was buried on 15 Oct 1984 in Mount Zion Cemetery, Cut Off, LA.<sup>3,5</sup> Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr. AfAm and Celeste NELSON had the following children:

- 10           i. **Gloria Cynthia BLACKLEDGE**<sup>5,6</sup> was born on 14 Apr 1966.<sup>4</sup>
- 11           ii. **Earl BLACKLEDGE Jr.**<sup>5</sup> was born on 16 Oct 1973.<sup>4</sup>

### Sources for Charlie Blackledge family (Chapter 8)

1. Obituary for Willie Blackledge, "*The Houma Courier*," Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, 23 Feb 2001.
2. Social Security Death Index (SSDI).
3. Lafourche Parish, LA Cemetery Listings, online at <http://usgwarchives.org>.
4. U.S. Public Records Index, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).
5. Obituary for Celeste Nelson Blackledge, "*Daily Comet*," Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, 15 October 1984.
6. White pages online search.

## Cornelius BLACKLEDGE

### First Generation

1. **Cornelius "Neil" BLACKLEDGE \*(AfAm)**<sup>1</sup> was born in Aug 1870 in NC.<sup>2</sup> He appeared in the census in 1900 in Washington Twp, Beaufort Co, NC. Cornelius Blackledge (29, black, married 3 years, farmer) was listed with his wife Lovey (18, married 3 years) and son Wonder (1).

Cornelius "Neil" BLACKLEDGE \*(AfAm) and Lovey BLOUNT married about 1897.<sup>2</sup> **Lovey BLOUNT**<sup>1</sup> was born in Jul 1881 in NC.<sup>2</sup> Cornelius "Neil" BLACKLEDGE \*(AfAm) and Lovey BLOUNT had the following children:

- 2            i. **Wonder BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jul 1898 in NC.<sup>2</sup>
- +3           ii. **Jasper BLACKLEDGE**, born on 30 Aug 1900, Beaufort Co, NC<sup>1</sup>; married Mathe<sup>1</sup>; died on 5 Oct 1962, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC<sup>1</sup>.
- 4            iii. **Cornelius BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1905 in NC.<sup>3</sup>
- 5            iv. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1907 in NC.<sup>3</sup>
- 6            v. **Charlie BLACKLEDGE** was born in 1911 in NC.<sup>3</sup>
- 7            vi. **James BLACKLEDGE** was born in 1913 in NC.<sup>3</sup>

### Second Generation

3. **Jasper BLACKLEDGE**<sup>4,5</sup> was born on 30 Aug 1900 in Beaufort Co, NC.<sup>1</sup> He appeared in the census in 1930 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Jasper Blackledge, 28, married the first time at age 22, laborer in a sawmill, is living with his mother and several unmarried siblings. He died of uremia and convulsions contributed to by diabetes mellitus on 5 Oct 1962 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.<sup>1</sup> He was buried on 7 Oct 1962 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.<sup>1</sup> He was a laborer in a sawmill when he died.<sup>1</sup>

**Laura ADAMS**<sup>4,5</sup>. Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Laura ADAMS had the following children:

- +8           i. **Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE AfAm**, born on 13 May 1925, Beaufort Co, NC<sup>4,6</sup>; married Henrietta L. CHAPMAN, on 31 Aug 1962, San Diego Co, CA<sup>7,8</sup>; married Dianne M. SNEED or ALLEN, on 14 Aug 1970, Los Angeles, CA<sup>8</sup>; died on 27 Feb 2000, Los Angeles Co, CA<sup>4,6</sup>.

**Mary Bell MOORE**<sup>5</sup>. Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Mary Bell MOORE had the following children:

- 9            i. **Mary Frances BLACKLEDGE** was born on 16 Apr 1935 in Beaufort Co, NC.<sup>5</sup>

Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Mathe married.<sup>1</sup> **Mathe**.

## Third Generation

8. **Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE AfAm** was born on 13 May 1925 in Beaufort Co, NC.<sup>4,6</sup> (His death record says the 14th, but his birth record says the 13th.) He served from 17 Jul 1943 to 15 Jan 1946 in the U.S. Navy.<sup>6</sup> (CM3). He died on 27 Feb 2000 in Los Angeles Co, CA.<sup>4,6</sup> He was buried on 6 Mar 2000 in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA.<sup>6</sup>

Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE AfAm and Henrietta L. CHAPMAN married on 31 Aug 1962 in San Diego Co, CA.<sup>7,8</sup> They filed for divorce in Jan 1968 in Los Angeles, CA.<sup>7</sup> **Henrietta L. CHAPMAN** (daughter of CHAPMAN and PORTER) was born on 13 Dec 1932 in AR.<sup>4,8</sup> She died on 19 Dec 1997 in San Diego Co, CA.<sup>4</sup> She was previously married, to a Mr. Jones.<sup>8</sup>

Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE AfAm and Dianne M. SNEED or ALLEN married on 14 Aug 1970 in Los Angeles, CA.<sup>8</sup> **Dianne M. SNEED or ALLEN** was born about 1938.<sup>8</sup>

## Sources for Cornelius Blackledge family (Chapter 8)

1. Death Certificate # 28929 for Jasper Blackledge, North Carolina State Board of Health.
2. 1900 Federal Census.
3. 1920 Federal Census.
4. California Death Records, [vitalsearch-ca.com](http://vitalsearch-ca.com).
5. North Carolina Birth Index, 1800-2000, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).
6. Nationwide Gravesite Locator, online.
7. California Divorce Index, 1966-1984, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).
8. California Marriage Index, 1960-1985, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

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## Allen BLACKLEDGE

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## First Generation

1. **Allen BLACKLEDGE \*AfAm** was born in Demopolis, AL.<sup>1</sup>

**Elizabeth SCOTT** was born in Demopolis, AL.<sup>1</sup> Allen BLACKLEDGE \*AfAm and Elizabeth SCOTT had the following children:

- +2
  - i. **Eugene BLACKLEDGE AfAm**, born on 26 May 1899, Demopolis, AL<sup>1,2</sup>; married Della EMMERSON (Af Am), about 1921<sup>2</sup>; died on 20 Feb 1944, Chicago,

Cook Co, IL<sup>1,3</sup>.

## Second Generation

2. **Eugene BLACKLEDGE AfAm** was born on 26 May 1899 in Demopolis, AL.<sup>1,2</sup> He appeared in the census in 1930 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Eugene Blackledge (32, Negro, laborer in a steel mill) was listed with his wife Della (32) and children who were all born in IL: Elizabeth (7), Edward (7), Margarette (5), Della (4), and Dora (2). There were also two boarders in the household: John Wallace (19, Negro, single, born in AL, hotel porter) and Elizabeth Wallace (58, Negro, widow, no occupation. He died on 20 Feb 1944 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.<sup>1,3</sup> He was buried on 26 Feb 1944 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.<sup>1</sup>

Eugene BLACKLEDGE AfAm and Della EMMERSON (Af Am) married about 1921.<sup>2</sup> **Della EMMERSON (Af Am)** was born on 8 Feb 1897 in AL.<sup>1,2,4</sup> Della's surname was listed on her daughter Elizabeth's death record. She died on 9 Sep 1977 in Cook Co, IL.<sup>4,5</sup> Eugene BLACKLEDGE AfAm and Della EMMERSON (Af Am) had the following children:

- 3            i. **Elizabeth BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born on 29 Jun 1922 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.<sup>1,2,6</sup> She died at age 20 years on 3 Oct 1942 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.<sup>1,3</sup> She was buried on 9 Oct 1942 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.<sup>1</sup>
- 4            ii. **Edward BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born about 1923 in IL.<sup>2</sup>
- +5          iii. **Margarette BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)**, born on 5 Feb 1925, Cook Co, IL<sup>2,6</sup>; married Loushious TARVER, on 25 May 1957, Cook Co, IL<sup>7</sup>.
- 6            iv. **Della BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born about 1926 in IL.<sup>2</sup>
- +7          v. **Dora BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)**, born on 26 Jul 1928, Cook Co, IL<sup>2,6</sup>; married Morris McKINLEY, on 22 Mar 1951, Cook Co, IL<sup>8</sup>.

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5. **Margarette BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born on 5 Feb 1925 in Cook Co, IL.<sup>2,6</sup>

Margarette BLACKLEDGE (Af Am) and Loushious TARVER married on 25 May 1957 in Cook Co, IL.<sup>7</sup> **Loushious TARVER**.

7. **Dora BLACKLEDGE (Af Am)** was born on 26 Jul 1928 in Cook Co, IL.<sup>2,6</sup>

Dora BLACKLEDGE (Af Am) and Morris McKINLEY married on 22 Mar 1951 in Cook Co, IL.<sup>8</sup> **Morris McKINLEY**.

## Sources for Allen Blackledge family (Chapter 8)

1. Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947, familysearch.org.

2. 1930 Federal Census.
3. Illinois Statewide Death Index, 1916-1950, online at ancestry.com.
4. Social Security Death Index (SSDI).
5. Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988, ancestry.com.
6. Cook County, Illinois Birth Index, 1916-1935, ancestry.com.
7. Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960, ancestry.com.
8. Cook County (IL) Clerk's Office, genealogy online search.

## BLACKLEDGE (#33545)

### First Generation

#### 1. BLACKLEDGE \*(AfAm).

BLACKLEDGE \*(AfAm) had the following children:

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| +2 | i. <b>Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr.*(CA)(AfAm)</b> , born about 1941 <sup>1</sup> ; married Carolyn SCOTT <sup>2</sup> . |
| 3  | ii. <b>Victor BLACKLEDGE (AfAm)</b> has done quite a bit of work on their family tree. <sup>3</sup>              |

### Second Generation

#### 2. **Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr.\*(CA)(AfAm)** was born about 1941.<sup>1</sup> He lived in Ventura, CA.<sup>2</sup>

Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr.\*(CA)(AfAm) and Carolyn SCOTT married.<sup>2</sup> **Carolyn SCOTT**<sup>4</sup>. Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr.\*(CA)(AfAm) and Carolyn SCOTT had the following children:

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| 4 | i. <b>Darielsh D. BLACKLEDGE</b> was born on 30 Apr 1976 in Ventura Co, CA. <sup>4</sup>   |
| 5 | ii. <b>Michele Nicole BLACKLEDGE</b> was born on 25 Oct 1978 in Ventura Co, CA. <sup>4</sup>   |
| 6 | iii. <b>Dwight Francis BLACKLEDGE II</b> was born on 3 Sep 1982 in Ventura Co, CA. <sup>2,4</sup> He played football at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point in 2004. <sup>2</sup> |

### Sources for Blackledge family (Chapter 8, #33545)

1. MSN's White Pages.
2. D. J. Blackledge profile, goarmysports online.
3. David W. Blackledge. E-mail 8 May 2005 with information from Dwight

Blackledge, Sr. from a phone call.

4. California Birth Records. Information found on the Internet at <http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/birth/search.cgi>.

## Closing

David W. Blackledge of Carlisle, PA is writing the closing for this Chapter 8. Much work remains to be accomplished for the African-American families listed in this chapter as well as other African-American Blackledge families. The compilers of this book would encourage research to be done on this area of Blackledge genealogy, and would also appreciate any information you can share.