

From: Cinder Stanton <cstanton@monticello.org>
To: "wallace@filsonclub.org" <wallace@filsonclub.org>
Date: 12/13/00 4:01PM
Subject: query

Dear Robin Wallace,

Many thanks for giving me your email address and being willing to check the Filson biographical index. The person we are seeking information on is Fannie Givens, an African-American woman described by Carter G. Woodson as a "prominent lady of Louisville" in an annotation of some papers Mrs. Givens gave to him (now in the CGW collection at the Library of Congress). She was the great-granddaughter of a Monticello enslaved woman, Melinda Colbert.

We are wondering if she is Fannie Givens, artist, author, active churchwoman and composer who taught art at Kentucky State (so mentioned in C. H. Parrish, ed., Golden Jubilee of the...Colored Baptists of Kentucky, 1915). Any information you might be able to easily access on this Fannie Givens and her family would be very gratefully received. We are particularly interested in discovering who her parents were, so an obituary (that might lead to obtaining a death record) would be of value.

We have the citation in Lifting as They Climb, 1933.

Again, thank you for your willingness to help.

Sincerely,
Cinder Stanton

Lucia Stanton
Shannon Senior Research Historian
Monticello
P. O. Box 316
Charlottesville, VA 22902
804-984-9865

CC: Cinder Stanton <cstanton@monticello.org>

From: "Cinder Stanton" <cstanton@monticello.org>
To: "Robin Wallace" <Wallace@filsonclub.org>
Date: 12/14/00 2:25PM
Subject: Re: query

You're terrific! Thanks so much. And this is just one of many similar coincidences we've encountered as we work on our project to locate and interview descendants of Monticello's African-American community. I look forward to seeing what you describe. Many thanks, again.

Best wishes,
Cinder Stanton

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Wallace <Wallace@filsonclub.org>
To: cstanton@monticello.org <cstanton@monticello.org>
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2000 2:26 PM
Subject: Re: query

Dear Cinder,
this is really a coincidence! A couple of weeks ago, a co-worker gave me some info on Givens for a database I'm compiling on Louisville area artists. I didn't remember this when I first talked to you.
Anyway, I will xerox this and send it to you. I have also made copies of Givens' death certificate (unfortunately, it lists her mother and father as unknown), and her listing in the 1920 Louisville census. You will notice there is some discrepancy in the dates, but this is common. And there were enough similarities between the death cert. and census record that I'm sure they correspond.
I have not been able to find anything else on Givens in our collection, but in the event that I do, I will be happy to pass it on to you.

Regards,
Robin

Robin L. Wallace
Reference Specialist
The Filson Club Historical Society

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Form V, S. 1-A
 FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
 U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
 NATIONAL OFFICE VITAL STATISTICS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
 Department of Health
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. 18091
 Registrar's No. 3587

Registration District No. 457 Primary Registration District No. 2275

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County Jefferson
 (b) City or town Louisville
(If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)
 (c) Name of hospital or institution:
507 Finzer Street
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or community _____
(years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
 (a) State Kentucky (b) County Jefferson
 (c) City or town Louisville
(If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)
 (d) Street No. 507 Finzer Street
(If rural give precinct)
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 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? _____ years

3(a) FULL NAME Fannie B. Givens

3(b) If veteran, Name war _____ 3(c) Social Security No. _____

4. Sex Female 5. Color or race negro 6(a) Single, widowed, married, divorced widowed

6(b) Name of husband or wife _____

6(c) Age of husband or wife if alive _____ Years

7. Birth date of deceased May 29 1876
(Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years 71 Months _____ Days _____ If less than one day hr. _____ min. _____

9. Birthplace Alton, Illinois

10. Usual occupation Retired ✓

11. Industry or business _____

FATHER { 12. Name Unknown

13. Birthplace Unknown

MOTHER { 14. Maiden name Unknown

15. Birthplace Unknown

16(a) Informant's own signature J. E. Stevens

(b) Address 213 East Walnut Street

17. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL
 Place Western Con. Date Aug. 7th 1947

18(a) Signature of funeral director Joseph Funeral Home

(b) Address 1001 East Chestnut Street

19(a) AUG 22 1947 (Date received by local registrar) (b) [Signature] (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. DATE OF DEATH August 4th 1947

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Aug 1 1947 to Aug 4 1947 that I last saw him alive on Aug 3 1947 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 8:15 P.M.

Immediate cause of death _____ DURATION _____

Cancer (lung)
 Due to Cancer of breast

Other conditions _____
(Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)

Major findings: Of operations 50-55A

Of autopsy _____

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:

(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____

(b) Date of occurrence _____

(c) Where did injury occur? In or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____
(Specify type of place)

While at work? _____ (e) Means of injury _____

23. Signature [Signature] (M. D. or other)

Address 400 W Walnut Date signed 8/19/47

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

Summary of 1920 Census for Fanny Givens

Givens, Fanny. Head of the household, home owner, free home. Black female. Age 48. Widowed. Able to read and write. Born in Missouri. Father and Mother born in Kentucky. Speaks English. Profession: portrait artist.

Living with:

Fanny R. Givens- daughter. Black female aged 18, single. Attended school in 1919, can read and write. Born in Virginia. Parents listed as born in VA (? Discrepancy?). Speaks English, no profession.

Margaret Givens- niece. Black female aged 23, single. Can read and write. Born in Virginia, parents born in Virginia. Can speak English. Profession: teacher at a colored school.

James E. Givens- nephew. Black male aged 27, single. Born in Pennsylvania, parents born in Virginia. Speaks English. Profession: waiter in a hotel.

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Marine Henry

STATE KENTUCKY

B. H. Wilson

HEAD OF FAMILY

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Wilson

(CITY)

SHEET 18 LINE 3

Wilson

(BIRTHPLACE)

(CITIZENSHIP)

Wilson

(STREET)

(HOUSE NO.) 507

OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY

NAME	RELATION- (SHIP)	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	CITIZEN- SHIP
<i>Marine Henry R.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	
<i>Marjorie</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	
<i>Joseph E.</i>	<i>S.</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	

1920 CENSUS—INDEX
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1917

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Marion F. Wilson

KENTUCKY

VOL. 9 E. D. 38

STATE Kentucky
COUNTY Jefferson

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF THE
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY _____

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

(Insert name of institution, if any, and indicate the lines on which the entries are made. See instructions.)

ENUMERATED BY ME ON T _____

PLACE OF ABODE.	NAME	RELATION.	MARRIAGE.			CITIZENSHIP.			EDUCATION.			PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH PERSON AND PARENTS OF EACH PERSON UNDER 18.		NAT.	
			Home owned or rented.	If owned, free or mortgaged.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birthday.	Single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Naturalized or alien.	If naturalized, year of naturalization.	Attended school any time since Sept. 1, 1918.	Whether able to read.		Whether able to write.
1	552	Robert Boyd			M	B	22	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
2		Charles			F	B	23	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
3	567 149 153	Walter James			F	B	18	S		yes	yes	yes	Virginia		Yes
4		Fanny R			F	B	23	S		yes	yes	yes	Virginia		Yes
5		Wesley			F	B	23	S		yes	yes	yes	Indiana		Yes
6		James E			M	B	27	S		yes	yes	yes	Pennsylvania		Yes
7	505 170 359	Marion Fidia			F	B	35	D		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
8		Emma			F	B	13	S		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
9	255	Walter Powell			M	B	64	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
10		Marie			F	B	42	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
11		James June			F	B	13	S		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
12	256	Johnson James			M	B	89	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
13		Pattie			F	B	42	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
14	503	Hoof James			M	B	36	M		yes	yes	yes	Massachusetts		Yes
15		Bora			F	B	32	M		yes	yes	yes	Massachusetts		Yes
16		Aliee			F	B	11	S		yes	yes	yes	Massachusetts		Yes
17		Henry			M	B	26	S		yes	yes	yes	Massachusetts		Yes
18		Yule Berner			M	B	26	S		yes	yes	yes	Massachusetts		Yes
19	258	Reckley Curtis			M	B	41	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
20		Yvone			F	B	31	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
21		Robinson Herbert			M	B	28	S		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
22	502 172 259	Woodman J O			M	B	59	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
23		Katey			F	B	57	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
24	260	Barker Gary			M	B	41	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
25		Hilla			F	B	41	M		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes
26		Spauls N			M	B	15	S		yes	yes	yes	Kentucky		Yes

Finger Street Continued



Knox College

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Galesburg, Illinois 61402-0500 309/341-7383 Fax 309/341-7799

April 28, 1999

Filson Club
1310 South Third St.
Louisville, Kentucky 40208

attn: Catherine

Dear Catherine:

I am looking for information regarding a 1892 graduate of our college named Fannie Hicks Givens (Mrs. James E. Givens). She describes herself as an artist, among other things, and I have photocopied a number of things from her files that may be of help to you in researching her.

Primarily I am interested in any information you can give me about her artistic career and if her portraits of Booker T. Washington, Mrs. Mary Bethune, and others are recorded or on display anywhere. I am also interested in the following organizations in which Fannie Givens was involved: The World Union of Colored Women, The National Historical Art League. Mrs. Givens died in 1947 and if an obituary is available it would be very helpful.

Please include any charges for research and photocopying. Any information that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Carley R. Robison

Curator of Manuscripts and Archives

National Historical Art Institute



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The National Historical Art League which is incorporated, announces that it will throw open its doors of the first Museum by (Colored) people, Oct. 2nd, in temporary quarters at Louisville, Ky. Many beautiful things that have been gathered by its members will be on display, and the children of the public schools will, for the first time, have a chance to see and study the many crystals of the Rocky mountains, and look on pictures, painted by the race, and see many other curios brought from other states.

This is the beginning of a great educational and historical advantage for our people as also the beginning of a general development in art, and the beginning of the gathering in one place relics, rare books, old flags, paintings on china, wood, silk, water colors, oil paintings, on canvas, and sculpture work; also wood carving, hammered brass and everything that will show the progress of the race. We are ready for the pictures of great business concerns. Churches are showing their interest in the race, and its development by paying the life membership fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00.) What will you do? We must raise fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the new building to be erected at Washington, D. C. Write us.

Send all checks payable to the National Historical Art League, 507 Finzer Street, Louisville, Ky.

Yours truly,

Louisville Ky.

December 21st.

1918

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KNOX COLLEGE ARCHIVES
GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

Mr. George C. Gale,

Dear Sir:

In closed please find check for the Bulletin. It was delayed on the account of my absence from home. Wishing it great success thro your management, I am

Yours truly,

Fannie R. Givens
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Fannie Hicks Givens
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Your Who's Who -- for the Knox College Fifty Year Club

(To be returned to our Historian, Earnest Elmo Calkins, 247 Park Avenue,
New York 17, N. Y.)

Name Mrs. Fannie Rosalind Hicks Givens Class Year 1892 OK
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OK

Date of Birth (Month, day and year) May 29, 1861
(Women naturally hesitate to put on record the dates of their births (some men do, too) but surely now we can begin to take pride in our years; so please come across with the statistics, for longevity is one of the main principles of this Club.)

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Place of birth Sturgeon Mo.

Education (Other schools or colleges besides Knox) High School... St. Louis & Chicago

Theology State Univ. Ken. Ky. Louisville Municipal College, Correspondence course from Henry George School of Social Science N.Y.C.

Marriage - Who Prof. James F. Givens When June 27, 1895

Children 1 Adopted Daughter - Fannie Rosalind Robinson
Foster Mother to four other children

Grand-children One Fannie Rosalind III

Principal occupation Teacher of Art

Other activities (Politics? Social Service? Clubs?) Police Woman for 11 yrs. National President of Fine Arts; President of Fine Arts of National Assoc. of Colored Women; Pres. of Palestine Travel & Research Club

Hobbies A. Traveling (B) Helping others attain success (ex. Paul Hawken Dunbar

Offices held, degrees or other honors received Pres. of State of Ky. Missionary Conv. Grand Basilines of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Vice Pres. of East End Day Nursery Honor: Made Princess by Prince Masquoit of Africa as an honor for interest in African Art.

Present status (job? or retired?) Retired, but still active in Civic and Social affairs

If you write, what Poetry: "Glimpses of the old world" now in Congressional library at Washington D.C.
Number of other Poems

Practice any of the arts (painting? music? acting?) Organized first Negro Art School in the world; Famous Paintings: Booker T. Washington Pres. of Tuskegee Countess Modjeska, John R. Waller, Mrs. Mary Bethune.

Travels 1905 - Delegate to Worlds Baptist Alliance London England

1910 Delegate to Scotland; 1922 Liberia Africa, 1923 - Sweden World's Alliance
Signature Mrs. Fannie R. Hicks Givens

1928 Scotland; Diamond Jubilee of International Council of Women
Address for mail 507 E. Finzer Street

1938 - Germany & Holy Land
Date Dec. 12, 1943 Louisville 2, Ky.

R Fannie Hicks
1892

The World Union of Colored Women

For Peace & International Concord

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507 Times Street
Louisville Kentucky
Apr. 30. 1935

Mrs. Martha Cole
357 East Grand St.
Galesburg, Ill.

My dear Mrs Cole:

I assure you it would be a delightful pleasure for me to join with you in the celebration of the "Gay Nineties", but at the present I am afraid it will be impossible for me to be with you on that occasion.

However if I later find I can be present I will let you know.

Best wishes for a gay and successful reunion I am,

Sincerely yours,
Fannie Hicks Givens