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History of the JOHNSON FAMILY

Samuel David Johnson 1871-1944 Roberts Ida Ellen AJohnson 1875-1952

Mr. Samuel D. Johnson and his wife Ida E. Johnsonwere both natives of Harbour Island, Bahamas.

They came to Miami from Key West, Fla., in 1903. bringing two children, Samuel H, and Elaine N. Johnson. Their other five children were born in Miami, s Central Negro District, later called Over Town.

In thr early years S.D. as he was sometimes called worked as a gardener and general helper for Frank T. Budge, the HONORABLE William Jennings Bryan, and the Chaffee (Cousinsof John D. Rockefeler) families. Later he became an Insurance Agent and worked many years for the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. In the early forties he retired from Insurance work.

Samuel D. Johnson was much respected in this community, and state. For many years he served as clerk and choir master of Mount Zion Baptist Church. He was a faithful and diligent participant in many community organizations. He was a 32 degree Mason. An organizer of New Providence Masonic Lodge. Other lodges were Knights of Pythias, Love and Charity, American Woodmen and his beloved Odd Fellows of America, East Light Chapter. He reached the heights of Lieutenant Colonel inthe Odd Fellows lodge.

Our mother, Ida E. Johnson was a very quiet driving force of the family. She and our father received as much education as was offered in their country before coming to America She was a segment ress and a maid, and worked at several apartment building on a limit Beach, frequently bringing home bundles of clothes to be washed and ironed, for about \$1.50 each and returned to the owners the next day.

In spite of the hardships Mrs. Johnson and her oldest child, Samuel H. Johnson, who later became he first black Radiologist in the state of Florida, determined that the other 6 children would receive substantial education. All seven became College Graduates.

Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians

J. K. Johnson, M.D., FAAFP





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Of the other six children- one became a Home Economics Teacher and the organizer of a Kindergarten at Booker T. Washington High School, Another daughter, Principal & Elementary Teacher, The other daughter, an English and Physical Education Teacher.

Of the boys, one became a Principal, Math Teacher and Real Estate Agent. of the youngest tibilings one became a Family Physician and the Other Lawyer and the second Municipal Judge of the City of Miami.

James Kenneth Johnson, M.D.

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The JOHNSON Family

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel D. (Ida M. Roberts) Johnson joined Mount Zion Baptist Church in the early 1900's

They were both diligent church members for many years, Mr. Johnson being the Choir Master and Church Clerk during the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Brown. They helped to raise monies to rebuild the Church, after it was demolished in the 1926 Hurricaine.

All of their 7 children were baptisted and regular members of the Church for many years.

Children of Mr, & Mrs. Samuel D. Johnson:

Dr. Samuel H. Johnson, (Deceased), Radiologist.
Mrs. Elaine N.Adderly, (Deceased), Home Economics Teacher
Mrs. Roberta C. Thompson, Retired Principal and Elementary
Teacher.

Mr. Frederick L. Johnson, Retired, (Principal, Math Teacher, and Real Estate Agent). RETIRED Mrs. Dorothy J. McKellar (English and Physical Ed. Teacher).

Dr. James Kenneth Johnson, Sr., Retired Family Physician.

Judge John D. Johnson, Retired, (Lawyer and Second City of Miami Municipal Judge).

Grand children

Dr. James Kenneth Johnson, Jr., (Dentist, Baltimore, Maryland).
Judge A.Leo Adderly, (Lawyer and Metro-Dade County Judge).
Mrs. Jewyll A. Wilson, School Administratro, Washinton, D.C.
Mrs. Betty Jones, (Assistant Prin.cipal, Mt.Olive, New Jersey.
Dr. Dorothy J. Fields, (Founder of the Black Archives,
History and Research Foundation, Inc. of South Florida.
Mrs. Joyce L. Silver (Elem. Techer, Washington, D.C.

