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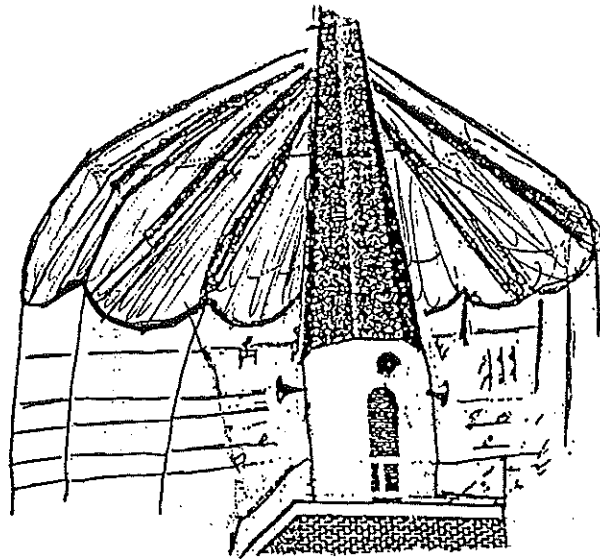
THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SECOND SESSION

THE ATLANTA NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

THE SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT CONFERENCE YEAR 1995-1996



GREATER MT. CARMEL A.M.E. CHURCH

4078 Carver Drive
Doraville, Georgia 30360

RT. REVEREND DONALD G. K. MING, PRESIDING BISHOP
DR. EDITH MING, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
REVEREND BENJAMIN GAY, PRESIDING ELDER
CALVIN OTIS ADAMS, JR., SENIOR PASTOR

THE PROGRESS REPORT
OF
GREATER MT. CARMEL A.M.E. CHURCH
FROM
PASTOR C.O. ADAMS, JR.

TO: Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming, Mother Edith White Ming, Presiding Elders, Pastors, and Members of the 122nd Session of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference.

Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is with much joy and tranquillity that the Lord has allowed me to make this my first pastoral report from Greater Mount Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Lord has truly blessed our ministry here in Doraville, Georgia where the shower of blessings has been bestow upon us. I'm delighted and humble to have this opportunity to give account of my stewardship here at the Holy Cathedral on Carver Drive.

First let me thank Bishop and Mother Ming for dedicated service they have render the past four years and your support for my family and I. I also would like to give thank to Bishop Ming for appointing me to the pastoralship of Greater Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church. It good to be back home where I start out on the Master journey some 28 years ago. I say to you Bishop and Mother Ming "Press On" God is not through with the Ming team yet.

The presence of the Holy Spirit has been evidence at Greater Mount Carmel for the Lord has blessed us with 57 new members and a mind to work. The Lord has blessed us with the following accomplishments:

The J.W. Sanford Fellowship Hall renovated with sheetrock walls, wall to wall carpet, wallpapers, and custom made drapes.

The kitchen rebuildd with new cabinets, refinished stoves, and serving table.

Additional restroom installed for men and women to accomodate the growth of the church with handicap facilities.

Central air and heat installed in the Christian Education wing of the building.

The electrical work upgraded with dimmer for sanucluary lights, new light fixture, and bell installed for Sunday School.

The lounge remodel with wall to wall mirror, new furniture and wall to wall carpet.

The roofing of the Sanucluary and Christian Education wing.

The steeple restored with vinyl siding.

***** THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY *****

The Outreach Ministry of Greater Mt. Carmel is actively involved in the community. The ministry fed 2,250 persons, gave toys to 358 children, 12,000 pounds of clothing were given away, 8 families received furniture (living room suit, box spring and mattress).

The ministry also provided housing assistance, Motel accomodation, transportation, and assisted in helping people find jobs. There were also a Drug Awareness Workshop presented.

The church presently is a member of the North Atlanta Usher Association, Interfaith Ministry Organization, and the Interfaith Health Association.

***** THE PASTOR AND HIS PREACHING *****

St. James A.M.E.C. - Baxley, Ga. - Spring Revival
Cargle Chapel A.M.E.C. - Social Circle, Ga. - Welcome Service
Graves Chapel A.M.E.C. - Social Circle, Ga. - Revival
Cleveland Chapel A.M.E.C. - McDonough , Ga. - Church Anniversary
St. Paul A.M.E.C. - Madison, Ga. - Church Anniversary
Mt. Ararat U.M.C. - Norcross, Ga. - Church Anniversary
Wilkes Chapel A.M.E.C. - Atlanta, Ga. - Church Anniversary
Newberry Chapel A.M.E.C. - Atlanta, Ga. - Birthmonth Service
St. James A.M.E.C. - Monticello, Ga. - East District Lay Service
Little Zion Baptist - Atlanta, Ga. - Deacon Anniversary
New Zion Hill A.M.E.C. - Thomson, Ga. - Pastor APPRECIATION
Antioch A.M.E.C. - Stone Mountain, Ga. - Communion Service
St. Paul A.M.E.C. - Columbus, Ga. - Southwest Ga. Conference
Fairfield A.M.E.C. - Winston, Ga. - Pastor Appreciation
Ward Chapel A.M.E.C. - Augusta, Ga. - Spring Revival

Its been a blessed year at the Holy Cathedral and I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the membership of Greater Mount Carmel. I also would like to give thanks to my wife for standing by my side.

May God Bless you, and keep you in the storehouse of love, peace, and hapiness.

Things Go Better With Love,


Pastor C.O. Adams, Jr.

**THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Episcopal District Sixth
 Annual Conference Atlanta North Georgia
 Name of Church Greater Mount Carmel
 Address of Church 4078 Carver Drive
 Conference Opening Date May 22, 1996

Presiding Bishop Donald G.K. Ming
 Presiding Elder District East Atlanta
 Pastor's Name Calvin O. Adams, Jr.
 Pastor's Address 6800 Peachtree Ind. Blvd.
 Presiding Elder Benjamin Gay

NUMERICAL STATISTICS

1. Conversions	40	15. Annual Conference Members	6
2. Accessions	57	a. Itinerant Elders/Deacons	2
3. Baptisms	16	b. Local Elders/Deacons	1
4. Full Members	350	c. Licensed Evangelist/Missionary	0
a. Adults	214	d. Retired Elders/Deacons	0
b. Youth	36	e. Licentiates	1
c. Children	49	f. Supernumerary	0
d. Retirees	51	16. Itinerant Elder's Widow(er)	0
5. Churches found on Charge	1	17. Widow(er) Children Under 14	0
6. Parsonages found on Charge	0	18. Marriages Performed	1
7. Newly erected Parsonages	0	19. Number of Community Projects within Church receiving funds from outside the Church, et at, Church Child Care, Senior Citizens Homes, etc.	0
8. Amount of Mortgage	0	20. Lay Organization in Local Charge	1
9. Newly erected Parsonages	0	a. Number of Members	33
10. Amount of Mortgage	0		
11. Property Valuation	1.7 Million		
12. Insurance Coverage	738,496.00		
13. Registered Voters	197		
14. Church School Membership	57		
a. Teachers/Officers	11		
b. Cradle Roll	3		
c. Children	15		
d. Youth	8		
e. Adults	20		

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

21. Total Funds raised for Local Church	\$170,470.43	27. Receipt on General Budget	\$1,062.96
22. Total Indebtedness	\$10,590.41	28. Cash On General Budget	\$1,062.96
a. Stewards	\$ 0	29. Balance on Budget	\$ 0
b. Trustees	\$ 0	30. General Conference Sustentation	\$ 0
c. Stewardship Comm.	\$ 0	31. Grand Total Budget	\$2,125.92
d. Other	\$ 10,590.41	32. Annual Conference Sustentation	\$135.00
23. Church Treasury Balance	\$12,617.82	33. Church School Offering	\$ 10.00
a. Stewards	\$ 638.20	34. Public Offering	\$ 100.00
b. Trustees	\$ 420.20	SUBSCRIPTIONS	
c. Building Fund	\$ 4,053.64	35. Christian Recorder	\$ 20.00
d. Central Budget	\$ 7,505.78	36. A.M.E. Review	\$ 15.00
e. Other	\$ 0	37. Voice of Missions	\$ 15.00
24. Presiding Elder's Salary and Upkeep	\$ 1,958.38	38. Journal of Christian Ed.	\$ 5.00
25. Pastor's Salary	\$ 25,400.00	39. Missionary Mag.	\$ 30.00
26. Hospitalization and Retirement		40. Secret Chamber	\$ 10.00
a. Pastor	\$ 1,600.00	41. YPD Newsletter	\$ 5.00
b. Presiding Elder	\$ 220.00	42. Total Subscriptions	\$115.00

Subject File: Biographical & Genealogical - TILLY/TILLEY,
 Ebenezer, Stephen, John W.F., J.W.F.,
 Albert S., etc.

U.S. Census DEKALB COUNTY, GA 1880

page 2 Dwelling #3
 Dist.

page mixed between Dist. 524 and Dist. 686

TILLEY, John W.F.	age 33	laborer	born GA	father b. S.C.	Mother b. S.C.
" Addaline L.	" 35	wife keep. house	GA	" " GA	" " GA
" Edaniza (male)	" 5	son at home	GA	" " GA	" " GA
" Cora (female)	" 3	dau. " "	GA	" " " "	" " " "
" Martha (Mother)	" 50	" "	S.C.	" " S.C.	" " S.C.
MCKINNEY, Ace (black servant)	" 22	laborer	" GA	" " GA	" " GA

page 23 Dwelling #33 page mixed between Dist. 524 and Dist. 686

TILLEY, John W.F.	male	age 58	laborer	born S.C.	father b. S.C.	Mother b. S.C.
" Susan ?	"	56	wife keep. house	" GA	" " GA	" " GA
" Howel P.	"	22	son laborer	" GA	" " S.C.	" " S.C.
DEMPSEY, James	white servant	" 21	laborer	" GA	" " S.C.	" " S.C.
CANE, John	black servant	" 20	laborer	" GA	" " GA	" " GA

Browning's Dist. 1880 DeKalb Co., GA page 291
 Dwelling #80

TILLY, John S.A.	age 34	farming	" GA	" " S.C.	" " S.C.
" Mary J.	" 29		" GA	" " S.C.	" " S.C.
" Nettie L.	" 9	at school	" GA	" " GA	" " GA
" Atticus	" 7		" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
" Ernest T.	" 1		" " " "	" " " "	" " " "







MOUNT CARMEL

Tombstone inscriptions from the cemetery connected with the ~~Greater~~ Mt. Zion AME Church in Doraville

Location: on the southeast side New Peachtree Road across from the deadend of Longmire Way at the railroad and MARTA tracks, just south of the intersection of McElroy Road, Doraville

Robert Parson
Georgia pvt. 157 Depot Brigade, World War I
Aug. 2, 1891-Dec 4, 1953

Mrs. Dorothy Myhan 1-11-1969

Jerry C. Scott Mar. 21, 1957

Early Smith, Jun. 27, 1950

Mrs. Matilda Garrison, Dec. 26, 1960

Mrs. Irene Etchison, 10-17-1966

Mrs. Pauline O. Lyons, 8-7-1964

Mrs. Mary Liza Brown, Feb. 27, 1940

Mrs. Mary Williams, Jan. 3, 1910-Jun. 21, 1956

Mrs. Millie Hamilton, Apr. 1, 1950

Mrs. Nellie Smith, Feb. 12, 1950

Henry T. Graham, 1909-1955, Father

E. Flora Graham, 1883-1961

Alex Graham, 1885-1963

Robert Lee Allen

GRAHAM
Joe B. Graham, Feb. 9, 1911-May 12, 1964
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Georgia, pvt., U. S. Army, WWII
Feb. 9, 1911-May 12, 1964
Lenora Graham, Aug., 11, 1913-Mar 24, 1990
Rosa Graham McCary, Nov. 26, 1914-Oct. 13, 1968
Mrs. Rosa M. McCrary, 10-13-1969

Mrs. Clara Lyons, 11-16-1970

Henry Lyons, 7-10-1970

(continued)

Armstead Hamilton, 6-9-1969

Judge-- Morehead, Sept., 1959

Mrs. Lavonia Colquitt, 7-20-1968

Sterling Peeples, 1897-1968
by neice F. M. Jett

John Peeples, 1893-1937
by dau. F. M. Jett

John Rainey, 7-11-1965

Mrs. Essie Morrison, 1-21-1965

George Hood, 1-21-1965

Mary Jett, wife of Levy Jett
born May, 1860, died Feb. 3, 1898

L. M.

Lindsey Mayfield
died Mch. 22, 1906
age 15 years

Frank Howell
died June 21, 1938

tombstones transcribed 13 Jan 1997
by Vivian Price

Transcriber's note: Although this is a very small cemetery, there are probably a good many more graves here without tombstones. This cemetery appears to have been poorly maintained and possibly vandalized.

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MARTA delivers a road project

Doraville's changes
to help circulation
near new rail station

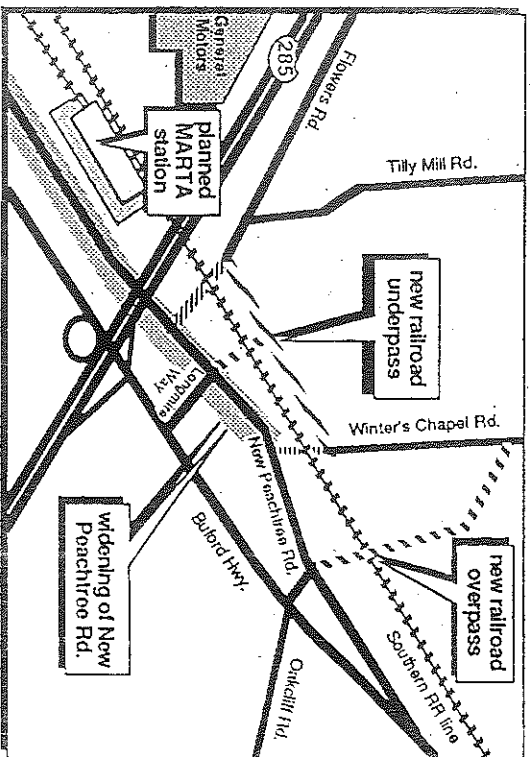
By Betsy White
Staff Writer

Along with its new MARTA station, the city of Doraville is going to get a bonus that few other communities have received to go with their rail stations: up to \$20 million in road improvements.

Planned by officials from the transit authority, the state Department of Transportation (DOT), DeKalb County and the city of Doraville, the widened roads, new underpasses and overpasses and new connecting roads are designed to aid traffic circulation near the station, which is scheduled to open in 1992.

The planned road improvements also have helped to soothe city officials agitated by years of delays as MARTA officials sought a site for the Doraville station, which will be the terminus of the northeast line that now ends at the new Chamblee station.

Most of the road improvements, for which the DOT will pay \$7 million and MARTA will pay up to \$13 million, fall into



one of three categories:

■ **Widening New Peachtree Road.** The only road from which motorists and buses will be able to reach the Doraville station, two- and three-lane New Peachtree will be widened to four lanes much of the way from Shallowford Road to Oakcliff Road. Also, a fifth lane for left turns will be added at most intersections along that stretch of New Peachtree.

■ **Connecting Flowers and Winters Chapel roads** to New Peachtree via a tunnel under the Southern Railroad tracks. Currently Flowers and Winters Chapel each connect to New Peachtree at an at-grade railroad crossing, both of which are often

blocked by trains. DeKalb County and DOT employees will remove those crossings and instead build street connecting Flowers and Winters Chapel north of the railroad tracks. They then will construct a single railroad underpass to connect the new connecting road to New Peachtree at Longfire Way.

■ **Connecting Oakcliff Road** with Winters Chapel Road via an extension of Oakcliff that will include a railroad overpass. That connection will allow traffic to go directly from Oakcliff to Winters Chapel without having to

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backtrack to the new railroad underpass. Able to avoid the more circuitous route, large tanker trucks on their way to the oil terminals that dominate Winters Chapel will not have to tangle with MARTA traffic.

Doraville Mayor Gene Lively said he is satisfied that the planned road improvements will ease potential traffic snarls brought on by the station's presence in downtown Doraville. Already Lively can outline several routes, each with a few alternatives to avoid unexpected traffic buildups, by which commuters will be able to reach the station.

The Doraville terminal is expected to be one of the system's busiest stations when it opens in 1992.

About 16,000 patrons are expected to use the station each day, said MARTA engineering director John Brock. The station will have 1,100 parking spaces, and an additional 1,000 parking places will be built at

the free Doraville park-and-ride lot, located outside Interstate 285 on the land where the Doraville station originally was slated to be built. Patrons who park in the satellite lot will be shuttled to the station.

The Doraville station, now slated to be built on the north side of New Peachtree Road, just inside I-285, once was supposed to open in 1988 about a mile outside the Peachtree and only hundreds of yards from the Gwinnett County line.

But, with Gwinnett voters reportedly refusing to join the MARTA system, MARTA engineers began to look for other locations. They decided that locating the Doraville station over Interstate 285, much as the Civic Center station is located over the Downtown Connector, would save money and make the station more readily available to riders.

When DOT officials nixed that plan, however, MARTA officials began looking for yet another site, eventually settling on the Peachtree Road location, which is near the General Motors plant. The Urban Mass Transportation Administration

(UMTA) still must approve that site, following a public hearing scheduled for February 24 and MARTA's completion of an environmental assessment.

UMTA is expected to rule on the new location by May, Brock said, and final designs will be drafted once the federal agency approves the site. Construction probably will begin in mid- to late 1989, Brock said.

MARTA officials expect to spend \$140 million to extend the northeast line to Doraville, including constructing the station and paying for MARTA's portion of the planned road improvements. The federal government already has given MARTA \$50 million for the project, and transit authority officials plan to seek additional federal funds, Brock said.

No construction timetable has been established yet for the road improvement plan, but the road work is tentatively set to be completed by the time the station opens, Brock said.

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State top court upholds ruling to block rezoning of Doraville community

By Connie Green
Staff Writer

The Georgia Supreme Court, in a 5-2 ruling Monday, upheld a lower court's decision blocking the rezoning of a black enclave in Doraville for construction of a hotel.

Fannie Mae Jett, who led the neighborhood fight against the developer's plan, called the decision a victory for the Carver Hills community.

"I'm glad about it," Mrs. Jett said. "Nobody was going to come in here and take my home. I put my life into this community. I knew if there was any justice and human rights and human dignity in anyone, they [the justices] would see we have a right to stay here."

But Ron Lozoff, president of Columbia-Stuart Inc., the development firm seeking to put a hotel in Carver Hills, said he was stunned by the high court ruling.

"I'm very surprised. It seemed like the justices were leaning in our favor," Lozoff said. The developer said he did not know what step his firm would take next. "I'll have to consider it," he said.

The community, located near the intersection of Interstate 285 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, has been split by the attempts of one family to sell its land to the developers for a hotel with 145 rooms

and 149 parking spaces on a 2.47-acre tract.

The Supreme Court, in its ruling, noted that during trial of the case, "Several residents of the Carver Hills community testified that, despite the fact I-285 split the community, there was still a strong sense of unity among the community's residents. They testified that the community is mostly static, consisting of older, black, retired residents who have nowhere else to live."

The court said it had no reason to question the lower court's finding that the denial of the rezoning request was constitutional.

The tract is owned by Judy Johnson Shackelford, 39, her husband and two children. Mrs. Shackelford, along with her now-dead sister Patricia Haygood, raised the ire of their neighbors two years ago when they attempted to sell their land to the developer.

Mrs. Shackelford's mother, Essie Johnson, bought the property for \$900 an acre more than 40 years ago when General Motors decided to build its Doraville plant on a site off Buford Highway where the black community was located at the time.

The Doraville City Council rejected the developer's rezoning proposal, and the developer took the governing body to court.

DeKalb area split over plan to seek buyout

Not everyone is ready to leave Carver Hills

By Connie Green
Staff Writer

cently sold 2.2 acres in the area for a total of \$500,000.

Residents acknowledge that the price is high, and they are willing to negotiate.

But Buckley said his first order of business has been trying to work out a compromise between residents who want to sell and those who don't.

Interested developers would prefer buying all of the tract, not part of it. But Buckley said he thinks it may be possible to group some properties together for a sale and allow those who want to stay on the hill to do so.

"We are still trying to get cooperation. It's very difficult to do it," Buckley said. "Those who want to sell and don't want to sell should be able to do what they want without intimidation. We can't go to a major developer until we solve some basic problems."

Buckley said that of 36 property owners on the hill, 30 have told him they are interested in selling.

Christine Jett, former sister-in-law of Fannie Mae Jett and a resident of the neighborhood more than 30 years, wants to sell, but she says she just won't worry about it.

"I'm not jumping up and down to sell. But if I can get a good life," "This is my roots," she said.

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CARVER

From Page 1-E

Nov. 2, 1987

"Traffic is just disgusting. I'd like a nice house before I die."

The small, tight-knit community known as Carver Hills is split by Interstate 285. There is an enclave of homes south of the interstate around Mt. Carmel AME Church, the neighborhood's main landmark, which dates back to 1888.

An effort by Judy Johnson and her now-dead sister Patricia Haygood to sell their 2-acre tract to a hotel developer for \$350,000 ended with a court-ordered rezoning to commercial. A Georgia Supreme Court decision upholding the zoning convinced other residents they too may be able to get the same zoning and maybe even more money for their property.

Ida Sherman said she would like to move closer to her church in Atlanta.

"It comes a time to change, and I'm ready," Mrs. Sherman said. "The ones holding out, they want to sell as bad as I do. But I'll come out with mine. I don't care what they say."

But Mrs. Fannie Jett said she can't bear to part with her home. She has been in Doraville all her life.

"As citizens, we have a right to keep our homes," said Mrs. Jett of 4171 Carver Circle. "It's not fair for hungry developers to push people out of their homes. There's a fight between Carver Hills residents because of greedy developers."

Lee Strickland, of 4244 N. Carver Drive, also has a "not for sale" sign on his property. He said he does not understand why many of his neighbors want to leave.

"I think they are silly. They are looking at that money, and they are not going to get it," Strickland said. "I got nowhere to go. White folks don't want you to move in their neighborhood. I'd like to stay here."

However, most residents have decided to list their property with Harold Buckley, owner of Century 21-Precision Realty Inc. They have asked him to see whether he can find a developer interested in paying \$1 million an acre.

Gordon Blackwell, owner of Interstate Realty Co., doubts that the residents can get that much. He re-

Real estate agents agree that the 40-acre tract at the busy corner of Peachtree Industrial and I-285 is prime property. The obstacle is getting all the residents of the all-black community to agree to sell.

Among the "for sale" signs posted throughout the neighborhood are at least three "Not For Sale" signs.

One of those, residents opposing the sale is Fannie Mae Jett, who grew up in Carver Hills and owns three houses in the area.

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Columnist Lewis Grizzard is on vacation

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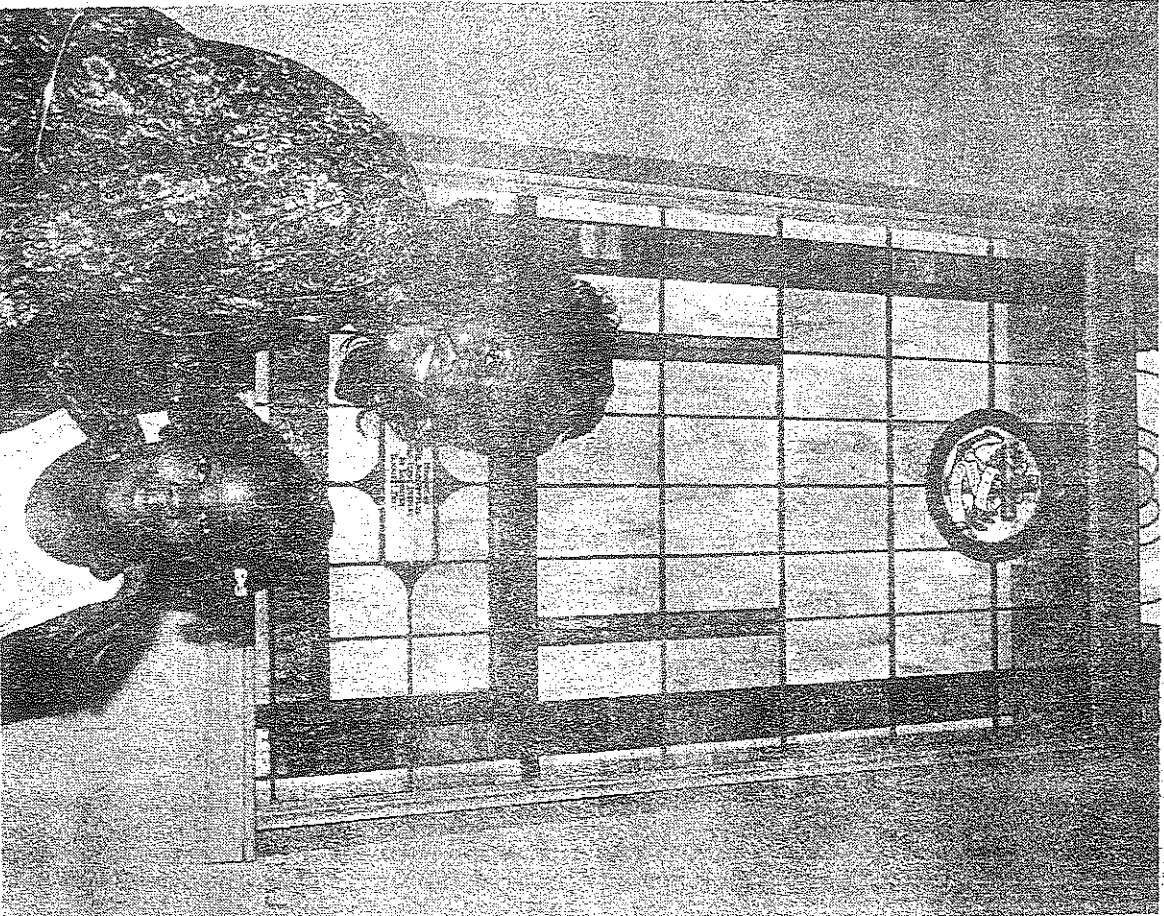
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Staff Photo by Charles Hougher
CHURCH OFFICER FANNIE MAE JETT WITH GRANDDAUGHTER, LAVI WINGFIELD
 They Are Standing In Front Of Window In Memory Of Mrs. Jett's Parents