

Hullum Family History Part 3- Family Legacy

Next is Darius' sister Milla Alzora. In the 1881 Census, she is listed as Milla A. and in the 1891 Census she is listed as Alzora. She married James Banks, the son of Marion Banks and Mary Valentine. According to *The Banks Family Legacy* by Elizabeth M. Turner "Marion Harrison Banks, the oldest child of Erling and Adaline Landers Banks, was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1837. He died at the age of 76, on May 5, 1913, in Harrow, Ontario, Canada where he is buried. Since Erling died when Marion was young, he was reared by his uncle Erving Banks Sr. Marion, like many of the Banks men, was a farmer. His first wife Mary Valentine, the mother of his children, was also born in Ohio; they came to Colchester shortly after their marriage in 1861. The Banks were ambitious people. Erving Banks, Sr. was considered to be in good circumstances financially, and seemed to spoil Marion. Marion always kept in contact with his relatives in the United States. He and Mary Banks had six children, all born in Colchester, Ontario, Canada, they were: Faleri Banks; Ida Banks; James Banks; Erlic Welling Banks; Rebecca Banks; Marion Banks Jr." The book also adds that Marion had two other children named Martha and Edith Banks who were born in Canada. Also mentioned in *The Banks Family Legacy* is that James Banks was born circa 1866 and passed away on October 23, 1927. It also states that James and Alzora had two sons named Ruel and Ezra Banks. I was able to find evidence of another child named Sylvester Banks. Sylvester's marriage record states that he married Eliza Lockman, the daughter of Woodson Lockman and Idelia Dairy, on January 11, 1928. His marriage record also mentions that Sylvester worked as a chauffeur.

Before Alzora married James Banks, she is mentioned in the March 3, 1933 issue the *Amherstburg Echo* as joining the Gesto amateur dancing school conducted by Mrs. Dot Noland. Following her marriage to James Banks, Alzora is mentioned again several times in the *Echo*. On

October 18, 1912, the *Echo* printed details about a Thanksgiving dinner hosted at Central Grove AME which was organized by Alzora and Mrs. Mary Brooks who “are sparing no pains to make this a success.” At this event, Mrs. Mary Tule, a missionary, was going to speak to the audience about “the great scenes in Africa ... Silver collection for the lecture.”

Several years later, on June 3, 1921, Alzora is mentioned in the *Echo* again because of a Decoration Day picnic at Central Grove Park. It was reported that the “Decoration Day picnic at Central Grove Park was a success, marked by general gathering of old friends from the U.S.A. and the Dominion of Canada. ‘How are you; good luck’ was the greeting extended by many friends. Mrs. Alzora Banks, who has spent some months with friends abroad, together with Mrs. Fred Davis and many friends were there to witness the pleasures of the day. Touring cars from Detroit and other places began to arrive as early as 8 o’clock bearing Bether Sunday school baseball team, who met at 3:30pm, on the Fair grounds, Harrow’s bunch of affable, clean cut ball players, who proved to much for the visitors. In the 5th inning, Harrow showed her batting class by showering balls in the outfield and infield, and baffled the visitors in spite of the home run made by Mr. Carter. Wm Hogden, Mgr., conceded to Mr. Taylor, Mgr., a victory of 5 to 12. To the citizens of Harrow and elsewhere, Rev. Seay, the officers and members of Central Grove A.M.E. church extend their appreciation for the loyal way in which they contributed to the cause.”

That same year, 1921, Alzora’s Manifest Record states that she was on her way to Detroit, Michigan where she was going to meet her brother Darius. This record lists Alzora’s occupation as a cook. The previous year, in the 1920 Census for Detroit, Alzora is listed as living in the home of Bishop Williams as a “servant for a private family.” The 1920 Census also states that Alzora was still married.

Alzora's husband James Banks passed away on October 23, 1927 at the age of 60. This record also states that James was born on April 15, 1867 in Colchester and worked as a farmer. It also states that he was widowed. A death notice for Alzora appeared in the *Amherstburg Echo* on May 22, 1925 stating "Mrs. James Banks, aged 49 years" passed away in Colchester South on May 22.

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What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week for part 4.