

## **The Lockman Family History Part 1 – “Lived In Essex County Nearly All Her Life”**

During the summer, Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board Vice President, Barb Porter, and myself began creating a presentation about the No. 2 Construction Battalion, Canada's first and only all-Black Battalion, for the Buxton Genealogy Conference which was held on Friday, September 2, 2022. As part of the presentation, Barb shared information about her family members from the Tudor and Lockman families, so I decided to expand on the research we had done so that I could write this month's family history about the Lockman family. This family history would not have been possible without the assistance of Barb who shared information and photos of her family. Thank you Barb!

The Lockman family history begins with Emily and James Lockman Sr. The 1861 Census for the Township of Anderdon lists James and Emily, along with their children David, Joseph, Woodston (Woodson) and Benjamin. The following Census for 1871 lists James Sr. as living in the household of his son Woodson, along with Woodson's son Joseph. This Census lists Woodson's occupation as 'Seamen' while James Sr. worked as a farm labourer.

Woodson married Ida Jane Deary/Derry, the daughter of London Deary and Maria Hansbury on June 30, 1874 (some records say May 27, 1874). The 1850 Census of Free Inhabitants for the State of Maryland lists London Dery with his mother Mills (possibly Milli) Dery. The 1871 Anderdon Census for London and Maria Derry also lists their children William, James, David, Idelia (Ida), Albion (Albina), Susan and Louisa. Just a further note about Ida's sister Albina. She married Stephen Hayes in Michigan on September 18, 1888.

According to Ida Jane Lockman's death record, she was born on December 4, 1854 in Union Town, Pennsylvania and passed away on November 9, 1936 at the age of 81. At this point

Ida Jane was a widow. Ida's obituary from the *Windsor Daily Star*, printed on November 10, 1936, shares more details. It reads "Mrs. Lockman Passes Away – Octogenarian Lived In Essex County Nearly All Her Life – Arrangements were completed today for the funeral of Mrs. Idella Jane Lockman, who died yesterday at her home, 824 Victoria road, Sandwich West. Services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at the home of her sister Mrs. Albina Moore, 731 McDougall street, at 2 o'clock and at the A.M.E. Zion Church, Mercer and Niagara streets, at 2:30. Burial will be in Windsor Grove Cemetery. Although born at Union Town, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lockman, who was 82 years of age, lived in Essex County most of her life. She lived in Amherstburg for 14 years and Windsor for 52 years prior to going to Sandwich West 13 years ago. She was an active member of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Millie Jones, of Windsor, and Mrs. Eliza Banks, of Sandwich West: three sons, James and Rev. Jerome Lockman, of Windsor and Noble, of Sandwich West: a brother, Rev. James Darrey, of Windsor, and three sisters, Mrs. Moore and Miss Susie Darrey, of Windsor and Mrs. Louisa White, of Sandwich West, and three grandchildren."

As mentioned, at the time of her death Ida was a widow. Her husband Woodson Lockman, according to the January 11, 1924 issue of *The Border Cities Star*, died on January 9, 1924. His death record reveals that he was born on February 24, 1852 in the United States and that he worked for the Ferry Company.

**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 2.**