

The Lockman Family History Part 2 – The Catholic Mission

Woodson and Ida Lockman had the following children: Amelia, Liddie, Jerome, Sarah Jane, James Woodson William, David, Eliza Rose, and Noble. Amelia was born on February 28, 1875 in Malden Township. She married Thomas James Richard Thompson, the son of John Wesley Thompson and Mary Virginia Merrit, on June 20, 1893 in Windsor. According to Thomas James Richard Thompson's death record, he was born on October 2, 1866 in Flat Rock, Michigan and he died on December 2, 1922 in Windsor. It also states that he worked as a plasterer. Over two decades later, Amelia (listed as Millie Ann) passed away on May 21, 1943. The informant was her niece Alis Jones. The *Windsor Daily Star* printed her obituary on May 22, 1943 which said "Mrs. Millie A. Thompson – Mrs. Millie Ann Thompson, 68, of 401 London street east, died yesterday at Metropolitan General Hospital after a short illness. She was a native of this area, having been born in Malden Township, and lived in Windsor for 65 years. Surviving are three brothers, Jerome, James and Noble Lockman, all of Windsor, and an aunt, Mrs. Louise White, of Windsor."

Amelia's sister Liddie sadly passed away at one years old on March 12, 1878 in Windsor. Liddie's brother Jerome is the next child of Woodson and Emily Lockman. Jerome W. Lockman was born on January 28, 1879 in Windsor. Jerome, along with his brother James and Sister Sarah attended the 'Mission for Coloured Children' which was founded by the Rev. James Theodore Wagner in 1887. This Catholic Mission included a school, orphanage, and Sunday School. The Mission was located at Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette campus, formerly Hotel Dieu. While creating the school and orphanage, the Rev. Wagner received assistance from the Religious Hospitallers of Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph in Montreal and Rev. Wagner also helped to establish the first hospital in Windsor, Hotel Dieu (now Windsor Regional Hospital).

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 3.