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FOREWORD

Dear Reader:

In giving this History of the California Colored Women, Inc., there will be found within its pages much valuable and accurate information. The California Association has developed step by step through the Forty-Nine Years of its existence.

Twenty-Seven Presidents have stood at the helm of our Association with faith in God, faith in the purpose of the Association. They have unselfishly given their best through hard work and courage to do and dare. They have kept the torch lighted for service. These noble women have each left a contribution for the enrichment of the lives of those who follow.

We hope each one of you will find something to commend; much to inspire; and if any criticism must come, let it be fair and constructive, realizing that the Committee has had no easy task in collecting the material found herein; but have done the best that they could with what they had.

In reading this book you will find that development of women along the lines of Education, Religion, Industry, Vacations, Literature, Music, Fine Arts, Interracial Relations, Home & Child Life, has been the purpose of the organization in our effort of "Lifting as we climb", in Deeds not Words.

As your Historian for the past three years, I have attempted to inspire the women to the realization of the importance in keeping accurate records. I have made many contacts and visited many clubs, bringing to them the history of our organization which many of the younger club women did not know. I am grate-

ful for the high measure of understanding and support I received from many Past Presidents and local Chairmen who worked on this Committee.

Iantha Villa Mays,  
State Historian

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§§§ DEDICATION §§§

"No race is over till the last yard is run  
No game is ever lost until it is won  
Nor the Sun set in the skies,  
Until the day is done."

Mrs. Eliza Warner,  
President Emeritus

To one who has been a Trail-blazer, and a beacon light, is this history of the California Association of Colored Women, Inc., dedicated.

## HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED § WOMEN INCORPORATED

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The NACW was organized in Washington, D.C., July, 1896, by the (merging uniting) of the National Federation of Afro-American Women and the Colored Women's League of Washington, D.C. Mrs. Mary Church Terrell was elected President. The Colored Women's League of Washington was organized in 1893 with Mrs. Helen Cook as President.

The National Federation of Afro-American Women was organized in Boston, Mass., in 1895, with Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., as President.

The First Directory of Delegates shows that 73 Delegates from 82 Clubs in 50 Cities were in attendance, representing 25 States, 2 Territories, and the District of Columbia.

The Birth of the NACW in 1896 marked the beginning of a new era in the History of Negro Womanhood. Negro Women began to ponder "the next step" in development through organized effort.

Incorporated in July, 1904, in St. Louis, Mo.;

Paid Mortgage (\$5,000.00) on Douglass Home in 1916.

Douglass Home--Caretaker Cottage, 1922 (Cost \$10,000)

Scholarship Loan Fund in 1924;

Purchased National Headquarters in 1928 (Cost \$25,000.00 with interest: 1927-1941);

N.A.C.G.'s organized in 1930.

WHAT IS THE NACW?

The NACW is a great fellowship of Colored Women united for service in lifting the standard of the home, and extending their service to help make better communities in which to live. Departments of NACW are: Mother, Home and Child (The Family); Women in Industry (Vocations); Phyllis Wheatley (Young Adults); Peace; Legislation; Business; Arts & Crafts; Interracial; Education.

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PAST PRESIDENTS

1st President	*Mrs. Mary Church Terrell 1896-1900
2nd President	*Mrs. Josephine Silone Yates, 1900-1904
3rd President	*Mrs. Lucy Thurman 1904-1908
4th President	*Mrs. Elizabeth Carter Brooks, 1908-1912
5th President	*Mrs. Booker T. Washington 1912-1916
6th President	*Mrs. Mary B. Talbert 1916-1920
7th President	*Miss Hallie Quinn Brown 1920-1924
8th President	*Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune 1924-1928
9th President	*Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart 1928-1933
10th President	Dr. Mary F. Waring 1933-1937
11th President	*Mrs. Robert Moton 1937-1941
12th President	*Mrs. Ada Belle DeMent 1941-1945
13th President	Mrs. Christine S. Smith 1945-1948

\*Deceased

HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
 §§§§ OF COLORED WOMEN, INCORPORATED §§§§

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The California Association of Colored Women's Club, Inc., was organized in Oakland, California, in July, 1906. Pioneer women of the State saw the vision, and elected Mrs. Eliza Warner of Los Angeles as its first President. They affiliated with the National Association of Colored Women, Inc., in 1908.

This Association has had many valuable women as its leaders in the 49 years of its existence.

They are looking forward to their Golden Jubilee in Los Angeles in 1956. This meeting will be dedicated to their beloved President Emeritus.

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CALIFORNIA STATE PRESIDENTS

*1. Mrs. Eliza Warner	1906-1909
*2. Mrs. K.D. Tillman	1909-1911
*3. Mrs. D.W. Boyer	1911-1912
*4. Mrs. E.V. Moxley	1912-1914
*5. Mrs. Mattie Tate Dodge	1914-1915
6. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown	1915-1916
7. Mrs. Minnie Bates	1916-1917
8. Mrs. Hettie B. Tilghman	1917-1919
9. Mrs. Lulu Slaughter	1919-1921
10. Mrs. Pearl Lowery Winters	1921-1923
*11. Mrs. Irene Belle Ruggles	1923-1924
12. Mrs. Corine Bush Hicks	1924-1926
13. Mrs. Esther Jones Lee	1926-1929
*14. Mrs. Z. Ottie Stratton Smith	1929-1930
*15. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Edwards	1930-1932
16. Mrs. Chlora Hayes Sledge	1932-1934

CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTS (Cont'd)

17. Mrs. Frances Burleigh	1934-1936
18. Mrs. Terea H. Pittman	1936-1938
19. Mrs. Mabel V. Gray	1936-1938
20. Mrs. Ada Brownlee Nelson	1938-1939
21. Mrs. Ada Jackson	1939-1941
22. Mrs. Ardelia Anglin	1941-1943
23. Mrs. Vivian Osborne Marsh	1943-1945
24. Mrs. Billie Ashby	1945-1947
25. Mrs. Esther T. Greenly	1947-1949
26. Mrs. Lillian M. Dixon	1949-1951
27. Mrs. Gertrude Hicks	1951-1953
28. Mrs. Alberta W. Godwin	1953-

\*Deceased

§§ HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA STATE PRESIDENTS §§

The Path which this Association is travelling is a long, long road. Beginning August 6, 1906, in Oakland, California, the opening was marked by a high smooth surface; but as the road wound onward and upward, corners were turned and hills and gullies were encountered, for the road was fighting ground for the building of a race. It is ground on which to establish our Women a firm foundation, to build homes in which Religion and Morality are paramount; citizenship, discipline and uplift the first consideration. Along this highway, ever so often, you will meet beautiful life statues, such as:

No. One      ELIZA WARNER, First President Emeritus.

Served the Association from 1906 to 1910. The first one is outstanding, it is a group of figures, in the foreground is a little dynamic woman with a far away look in her bright eyes, for she is seen with a clear vision into the future planning; ever planning

for the advancement of her women. She gave four years of active and unselfish service. The first Monument, Sojourner Truth Home, was instituted. She was the first to help build the "Road" on which her Statue stands with 26 others.

No. Two                      KATHERINE TILLMAN                      (1909-1911)

She was a fine example of resourcefulness and noble influence that a woman of culture could give to her race, and with her wonderful poetic ability, won praise for herself and made for the Federation a great name. Second Monument, the Day Nursery of Los Angeles. She was also Nationally known as a great Religious Worker, she was the wife of a minister.

No. Three                      MRS. D. W. BOYER                      (1911-1912)

During the first years of the Association, most of the interested women who aspired to the Presidency were women from the Southern part of the State. Mrs. Boyer, a product of San Jose, came from Northern California. Her Administration was one of unselfish service, and through her love and sweet personality, won for herself the highest esteem and ardent support of club women all over the State. She was given a place on the pedestal. Under her administration, the women published the first Club Journal. It was edited by Miss Marie Simpson of Bakersfield, and contained our Federation Song, written by Mrs. Eva Carter Buckner. At this juncture, the number of clubs listed had made a creditable increase. The Roadway marches on, and the picture changes.

No. Four                      ETTA MOXIEY                      (1912-1914)

She contributed much to well developed and distinctive race movement. She was placed on the pedestal. Under her reign, the work of the women, both North

and South, was enthusiastic, their desire to give service was outstanding. Under her regime, the following monuments were named: The Fannie Wall Home for Children in Oakland, to commemorate the beautiful work this outstanding woman was doing for the paving of the Road; the Day Nursery, now known as the Eastside Shelter; and Sojourner Industrial Home. All were erected to maintain a Christian Home for self-supporting girls and women. Club work among the Race Women in our State became more stabilized, and the Road travels on.

No. Five                      MATTIE TATE DODGE                      (1914-1915)

She was given a Statue as her high Christian Character caused the Association to leap many gullies and mount many hills. Following our Motto, "Deeds not Words", new departments were added to the organization. The Exposition Year, 1915, was one of inspiration and delight, for many prominent visitors came to the Coast, making memorable the 9th Annual Convention over which she presided with dignity. She served the Association in many capacities, until her death several years ago. She was a product of the Southern Section.

No. Six                      ELIZABETH BROWN                      (1915-1916)

She possessed some of the qualities of the human heart, she injected into the Association the spirit of broadening the magnanimous work, for during her tenure of office, the Association extended the reciprocity meetings from City to City. She was, and still is, a member of the Fanny Jackson Coppin Club; a charter member of the Imperial Art; and Elizabeth Six and Over Club. She is also one of our living charter members of the State. She invited the Association to Oakland in 1913. She was elected 2nd Vice President in Los Angeles. She was President of the City Federation where the first thought of the Fan-

nie Wall Home was born by Mrs. Fannie Wall. She served as President of Fannie Wall for three years, also President of the Old Folks Home for many years. She was given a statue. She is still an ardent worker in the Association, fraternal, and civic bodies. In the last Grand Chapter of O.E.S., she was presented a gold star for valiant work in that organization for 50 years.

No. Seven

MINNIE BATES

(1916-1917)

She entered the Road and for her splendid work in establishing the Scholarship Fund, she merited and received an outstanding Statue. This fund has been increased and has helped many girls further their education. Mrs. Bates has worked with and for the Association through the years, and at the Southwest Regional Conference held in Los Angeles last May 15 and 16, she was crowned Miss California. She is now 94 years old. She is a product of the Southern Section, and lives in Los Angeles.

No. Eight

HETTIE B. TILGHMAN

(1917-1919)

World War One, with a new call for women, found Hettie B. Tilghman our War President. She well merits her Statue for the women were working together in perfect groups, paving the Road, by contributing substantial sums to the National Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee and the Red Cross. Upon invitation of Mayor Davie, she welcomed the first contingent of boys on their return from No Mans Land, in behalf of the Mothers. The Third Monument, the Fannie Wall Home, and Day Nursery, was instituted. She was also a Civic leader, working on the Boards of the NAACP and YWCA for years. Swastika Civic Study was organized under her. Hettie B. Tilghman was organized in her honor. She was our most fabulous President.

No. Nine

LULU SIAUGHTER SIMS

(1919-1921)

The Club work went through a period of readjustment at this time. Mrs. Slaughter was called a Reconstruction President. A demand for a greater service. A larger number to perform this service came to the Association after the War. Madame C.J. Walker Home came into being under her Administration. A Statue was erected to outstanding, dynamic Lulu Slaughter Sims. She was a product of the Northern Section.

No. Ten

PEARL LOWERY WINTERS

(1921-1923)

The youngest President up to her time. She gave the Association new ideas, great aspiration, and loftier ideals. She was a Reader, Composer of Music, and called our 'Singing President'. In her youth she entered the Road. She served as 4th, 3rd, and 2nd Vice President, each for two years, and was elected to State President in Los Angeles. She was sent as Delegate to the National, 1924, Richmond, Va. While there she was on the broadcast with Sabbath Glee Club of that city, also appointed to go with committee to consult with Pres. Harding on the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill. She invited the National to Oakland for the 1926 Convention. The Club House in Bakersfield was purchased in 1926. She visited every club in the state. She was received at the State Capitol by Gov. Stevens. She interested many Educators and Scientists in our work to the end that Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, Dr. Edgar Hewitt spoke in our State Meeting.

No. Eleventh

IRENE BELL RUGGLES

(1923-1924)

She was a Woman with a dynamic personality. The First President that San Francisco has given us. Another Statue was erected. She was also one of the founders of the Madame C.J. Walker Home. Her picture now hangs on the wall of that great Monument. Her Statue stands on the pedestal along the road of progress.

No. Twelfth

CORRINE B. HICKS

(1924-1926)

She was also known as the 'Singing President'. Entered and qualified for a Statue. With her splendid courage, she planned and put over the entertainment of the NACW in 1926. She became a member of the Association in 1908, when Eliza Warner, 1st Pres. held office. She served as Secretary of the State; 2nd & 3rd Vice Pres.; and Parliamentarian for four years. She organized the Past Presidents' Council, the Australian Ballot was adopted and is still being used.

No. Thirteenth

ESTHER JONES LEE

(1926-1929)

The Road winds on over some rugged hills with Esther Jones Lee of Oakland, assisted by a coterie of earnest, intelligent workers. They demonstrated the value of teamwork for our women, and the great influence that we were exerting over our youth. Many girls' clubs came into existence, and Mrs. Lee was placed on a pedestal. She has held National Offices, Regional Offices (for California of the Anti-Lynch Campaign) also as National Auditor and Member of the Board of Control. She was local Chairman of Affairs during the Biennial held in Oakland in 1926. She is still an ardent Worker of Fanny Jackson Coppin Club and resides in Berkeley.

No. Fourteenth

Z. OTTIE SMITH

(1929-1930)

A woman of high ideals, a brilliant mind, and a pleasing personality. She came to Oakland as Executive YWCA Secretary, and served a number of years. A Statue was erected to her. She worked in many different capacities in many civic organizations. She was well liked by all Club Women over the State.

No. Fifteenth

ELIZABETH ST. CHARLES EDWARD

(1930-1932)

We carve a Statue for E. St. Charles Edwards, who prepared to put over an immense program with a new vision, for Mrs. Edwards had attended a meeting of the National Women at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and then brought back inspiration for a Silver Jubilee. Under her regime the Scholarship Fund was increased. Ralph Bunche received a Thousand Dollar Scholarship. She was an ardent worker and led many movements in the Southern Section, for the good of the Association. She lived in Los Angeles until her death several years ago.

No. Sixteenth     CHLORA HAYES SLEDGE (1932-1934)

Became a member of the Association in 1923 when she became Pres. of Women's Art & Industrial Club. She served as 3rd, 2nd, & 1st Vice Pres. before becoming President. She was known as the 'Progressive President'. Her slogan was, 'Give me flowers while I live'. Much of the Pioneer work of the N.A.C.G. can be accredited to her. More than 300 girls were brought into the ranks. She has been and still is active in Religious and civic work. Many ideas were conceived by her, such as: the name 'Grand Summons' for the Junior Quarterly Meetings; Leis chain of Poppies presented to Dr. Waring in behalf of girls of California; the Poppy Ship. During her administration the Cradle Roll Dept. was recognized, Irene Bell Ruggles Club organized, and many Junior Clubs. History of Lifting as we Climb was placed in the Oakland Main & Branch Public Libraries. Went as delegate to Biennial in Hot Springs, Ark., 1933, Biennial in Chicago, attended International Cong. of Women of the World, Palmer House, Chicago, Delegate to Golden Anniversary Biennial, Wash., D.C., 1946; Served 6 yrs on Nat. Hdqt. Board, Phyllis Wheatley, Education & Advisory Committee of NACW, 2 yrs. as Parliamentarian of S.W. Regional, 10 yrs. as Pres. of Fannie Wall Home and Day Nursery, Zeta Phi Beta Woman of the Year, 1949, and received many other awards for volunteer service for others. She stressed

the practice of Race Relations. She was truly a Progressive President.

No. Seventeenth      FRANCES BURLEIGH      (1934-1936)

Our Road leads us South to the level plains and hills on the way to El Centro. A Statue was erected to Mrs. Frances Burleigh. This little woman worked over time at Road Building, trying to make the rough road smooth. With wonderful courage, she brought the work to our meeting at Santa Monica in 1936. She won a name for herself all over the State. She still resides in El Centro, and works in the Association.

No. Eighteenth      MABEL GRAY      (1936-1938)

She served the State two years and worked hard with the women of the Southern Section in keeping peace & harmony in the Association. She has also worked in various organizations both civic and religious, taking an active part in politics. She is Pres. of the Southwest Regional. She has attended many Nationals in the East. A two day Regional Conference was held last year in Los Angeles where she had as her guest Irene McCoy Gaines of Chicago, the National President. She is another Statue on the Road of Progress.

No. Nineteen      TEREA HALL PITTMAN      (1938-1939)

She was with the Association from the Phyllis Wheatley Club while she was still in school. She has served the Association in many capacities. Secretary of the State for a number of years. She is a graduate of the University of California, receiving her A.B. & M. A. Degrees there. She is a member of many civic organizations. At present, she is the Regional Director of the NAACP. She is also one of our leading women commentators, our first local Negro Radio Announcer. Her Sunday Radio Program is "Negros In The News".

No. Twentieth      ADA BROWNLEE NELSON      (1938-1939)

Mrs. Nelson has worked in the Association for many years, being a product of the Southern Section. She worked hard in trying to establish unity among the women. She was chairman of Art and Crafts under Esther Jones Lee, and made a most beautiful embroidered Table Cloth that won a blue ribbon at the National in Washington, D.C., in 1928. She is a woman of enthusiasm and a lovely personality, on the Road we have another Statue.

No. Twenty-One      ADA JACKSON      (1939-1941)

She is a charter member of the Association. She brought the Association the membership blanks, the credential blanks, and the club report blanks. She attended the Biennial in Boston, Mass. Her slogan was, "More members and new blood, and everybody active". This meant a building up of the Association numerically. She called a special committee preceeding the 1940 State Meeting in El Centro, and compiled the present State By-Laws. She is a member of the Fanny Jackson Coppin Club, one of the oldest in the State. On the Road there is a Statue that has served the Association since its inception.

No. Twenty-Two      ARDELIA ANGLIN      (1941-1943)

She has worked many years in the Association, serving in various capacities. She is a product of the Southern Section, living in Los Angeles. She was President during the Second World War. During her Administration, the Association purchased War Bonds for the first time. Her name appears on the Corporation Papers in Sacramento. She assisted in creating public library interest in the observation of National Negro History Week. Here we find on the Road, another Statue.

No. Twenty-Three      VIVIAN OSBORNE MARSH (1943-1945)

Became a member of the Association in 1916 as a member of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Oakland. Has served without once becoming unfinancial. She has served as State Secretary; State Supervisor, National Supervisor of N.A.C.G.; National Vice President of the Young Women's Department. Only President who came to the Presidency starting with membership in the Junior Department. She is a Graduate of U.C., with A.B. and M.A. Degrees, and General Teachers Credentials. Past National President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The following acts became official during her Administration: Recreation of the Central Section; Reunited with the Ass'n Frances Harper Club of Fresno, Martha Walker Club of Hanford, Phelomatheon Club of Santa Monica, Garden City Club of San Jose; Better regulations of Programs & Meetings; Go to Church Day Organized; Women in Industry added; visited each club in state; Re-organized the El Centro Section; Participated in the birth of U.N. in San Francisco; Joined Fred Douglass Home Assoc.; Per Capita blanks created; Worked closely with the Fannie Wall Home. Motto was 'Service'. Mrs. Marsh is now serving on the Planning Commission in Berkeley, the first of our group.

No. Twenty-Four      BILLIE ASHBY (1945-1947)

Recognition of the Calif. State Assoc. in every issue of the Nat'l Notes of 1946-47 became evident in her administration. She was the first Calif. State President to preside at a Session of the NACW Biennial, Wash. D.C., State Pres. Night. Instituted the block system for better acquaintances of families migrated to California during the War. Nov. 15, 1946, carried State of California Association of Colored Women, Inc. to thousands of listeners throughout the country through the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company, known as 'The Broadcasting Break-

fast'. It became an annual affair. 1946-47 appointed by Federal Authorities as member of the OPA from a State President level, representing the Association, all expenses by the Government. Brought State Association to Central Section after many years of inactivity. 500 hour Volunteer Service as Pres. of State to the American Red Cross. Creation of Public Relation Dept. of CSACW, Inc. during administration. Composed and put into print, "Why I am a Member of the California Association of Colored Women". This administration stressed and demonstrated the value of Public Relations via plane transportation; by Radio Broadcasting; by Press; and by Personal contact. We might call it an era of Public Relation Consciousness. On the Road we have another Statue.

No. Twenty-Five

ESTHER T. GREENLY (1947-1949)

This might be called the "Rehabilitation Administration", for this was the general program during the entire Regime. Here is some of the Progress made: The building of the Southern Section from 9 clubs to 22; Revival of Exchange Day in June; Revival of Phyllis Wheatley Department. Held separate State Convention for NACG Girls. Under Southern Section Mother, Home and Child Dept., \$1078.58 was contributed through public subscriptions to the 'Save a Life Campaign' for David Shelton who needed surgery for bladder. An Esther T. Greenly Award to outstanding Club and Superintendent; Delegation of 47 sent to NACW in Seattle, Wash. The Phyllis Wheatley Home set up as a Monument by Leola B. Wilson, Founder, Director; The purchasing of the Philomatheon Club House, Harriet Tubman Club House, Sara A. Guess Club House at Victorville, and the Negro Woman's Civic Improvement Club House at Sacramento; Instituted through the Religious Dept., a yearly financial gift to the Leper Colony; Accomplished the integration of Negro Patrons in the Hotel Senator at Sacramento; Left in State Treasury in 1949, \$125.00 earmarked as nucleus for delegate

expense to the National Association of Colored Girls Convention; Presented the Pageant of Past State Presidents in Review; Created the Symbol of the CSACW., 'A Tree Grows in California'; and the reclaiming of the San Diego Section after a silence of twenty-five years.

No. Twenty-Six                      LILLIAN DIXON                      (1949-1951)

Good work was accomplished. Clubs that had been dropped came back. She attended the National in Atlantic City, New Jersey; Club House in Merced became a Monument during her Administration. She has been working in Civic and Religious Groups for years. She took more delegates to the National than ever before in the history of the National. The National President visited during our State Meeting in Pasadena during Mrs. Dixon's term of Office. Another Statue along the Road of Progress.

No. Twenty-Seven                      GERTRUDE HICKS                      (1951-1953)

Mrs. Hicks can be called the 'Flower President'. As Vice President in Pasadena, she gave more flowers that have ever been given before or since. She has served as the President of the Executive Board for Six years. And was elected Vice President in Sacramento in 1949. As she would be the State President in 1952, when the National would meet, the then President, Lillian Dixon, gave her the honor of inviting the National to California. This she accomplished with credit in Atlantic City, where more than 25 delegates from California were in attendance. She was elected President in 1951, serving two years. She visited all the Sections in interest of the National Meeting in Los Angeles in 1952, which was a meeting long to be remembered. More than 1500 Club Women attended. The Theme for the State was 'Solidarity'. On the Road another Statue.

Those are the 27 Presidents the State Association has had, and some of the things accomplished during their tenure of office. Mrs. Alberta Godwin Dillard of Bakersfield is now the President of the State.

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"Life is but a paper white, upon which each of us may write a line or two, though we have time for but a line - Make it Sublime."

- Contributed by Mrs. Greenly

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\$\$\$ SPECIAL RECOGNITION \$\$\$

To Mrs. Florence Bryant, First Negro Woman to be selected Oakland 'Mother of the Year', 1954. She is the Supt. of Mother, Home and Child; has lovely Family of 5 girls. She was selected for the honor by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Bryant has been active in Club, Religious, and Civic Work for many years. We salute Mrs. Florence Bryant.

WHY I AM A MEMBER of the

California State Association of Colored Women,  
Incorporated

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1. To do my share in promoting the welfare of the Colored Americans in home, school, church and community, emphasizing the raising of standards of home life.
2. To unite with a group of women whose strength numerically and intellectually used shall go far toward an understanding with other groups—and shall prove an invaluable aid in the adjustments of a reconversion program.
3. It gives me an opportunity to find my place among organized group members who share the same civic and race interests and experiences.
4. The Association gives me an opportunity in discovering new avenues of service to Colored Americans, and through constant contact with women of interracial understanding, imparts to me courage of a brighter day for all Americans. "Behold the morning's ray, turns darkness into day as we go on".
5. The Association with 35 departments headed by able women as State Superintendents, emphasizing the youth's advantages being our first line consideration. Also appreciating the new world order in which group work shall play an important part as we see the end of one era and the beginning of another, the consciousness of our re-

turning service men and women--the re-establishing of community life--the new destructive force of the instrument of violence that threatens to destroy our world calls not for individual idea, but for organized group pressure brought to bear with conviction to control the atomic bomb.

6. Being a member of the California State Association of Colored Women signifies belonging to a group that has faith in the masses of our people and in their ability to work out solutions for our problems, and a capacity to grow and adapt ourselves to social changes as a member of an organization that is composed of women representing home and professional life, indeed a cross section of California State life, all working for a better America, all praying for an understanding democracy with "malice toward none and justice for all", we march with a steady tread under the banner of "Lifting As We Climb", and asking your membership into this grand 40-year-old group with "Deeds, Not Words" as the motto.

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California State Association of Colored Women  
Membership 2700

Submitted by,

Billie Ashby, State  
President, 1945-1947.

MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL

Mrs. Terrell was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She attended Oberlin College where she received her A.B. and M.A. Degrees. She was selected as one of the One-Hundred most famous Oberlin Alumni.

She studied in France, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany. She taught at Wilberforce, and also the Colored High Schools in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Terrell was one of the Founders and First President of the National Association of Colored Women, Incorporated. She led the march on Washington, and was a staunch Crusader for the rights of her people.

She died at the age of 90, in July, 1954.

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IRENE McCOY GAINES

Mrs. McCoy Gaines, a very dynamic person, is now President of the National Association of Colored Women, Incorporated. She was the Recording Secretary of the National for many years, until in Los Angeles, 1952, she was elected President.

She is also a Fraternal, Civic, and Political Leader. Mrs. Gaines is the wife of a Lawyer; former Representative in the Illinois General Assembly; and Mother of two sons.

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WHO'S WHO SECTION

In the list of Honorary Presidents, some have passed to the Great Beyond. Those who are still here to help guide us through these perilous times are:

Mesdames Elizabeth Brown, Minnie Bates, Pearl Lowery Winters, Corina B. Hicks, Esther Jones Lee, Chlora Hayes Sledge, Mabel Gray, Ada Brownlee Nelson, Ada Jackson, Vivian Marsh, Billie Ashby, Esther T. Greenly, Lillian Dixon, and Gertrude Reece Hicks.

May the Lord Bless and Keep them forever with us.

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EVA CARTER BUCKNER of Los Angeles, was a prominent club woman and gave to us our State Ode, "In the Ranks".

TULIP JONES of San Francisco, was an ardent worker. She was one of the founders of Madame C.J. Walker Home, and President for many years

HATTIE DeHART, club and civic worker, gave much to the Association and to the Fanny J. Coppin Club. Secretary of the NAACP for many years.

LEOLA WILSON, fine club woman of Los Angeles, has contributed much to Clubdom. She is the Founder of Phyllis Wheatley Home in Los Angeles.

JOSIE HUTTON, pioneer club woman and philanthropist, gave of her means in every good cause. She was the first large donor toward the establishment of the Fannie Wall Home and Day Nursery.

WHO'S WHO SECTION (Cont'd)

NETTIE MODESTE, a Registered Nurse, gave much of her time and talent to club work in Oakland.

LINCIONIA MORGAN, wife of a Doctor, came to Oakland is the early Twenties. A Musician of great note, she directed musical groups all over the country.

LYDIA SMITH WARD, wife of a fine A.M.E. Minister, gave much of her time and talent to club work. She was President of Fannie Wall Home for a number of years in connection with her Christian Work.

IRENE MOORE, Ex-Editress of the Journal, gave much of her time to the work where "Lifting As We Climb" is the watchword.

DELIAH BEASLEY, pioneer Club Woman, contributed much to the history of California. An Author, Writer, she was the Author of 'California Trail Blazers'. She was an ardent christian and Club Woman, and inspired many young women to higher heights. Honorary Member of the California Association of Colored Women, Incorporated.

A.M. SMITH, a Former School Teacher, has done much in the Cultural world of Oakland. A devoted member of North Oakland Baptist Church. She has also done much club and civic work, and is now a resident of Washington, D. C.

DONNA LIGHTFOOT, a hard worker in club work, organized the Mary Church Terrell Club in 1925, and was its first President.

VIOLA BROOKS of Sacramento, Founder of the Women's Civic Improvement Club House, a beautiful Resident Home for young women and guest. It is val-

ued at \$50,000. Mrs. Brooks is also a fine christian leader, doing much civic and educational work.

LYDIA FLOOD JACKSON, one of our pioneer women, is a native. Therefore, she has a very colorful background of the State. She served the Association as Supt. of Citizenship and Legislature.

ZILICA FOSTER WILLIAMS has served the Association for Twenty-three years. She is the Secretary of the State, and has served in this capacity for a number of years. She has also headed many Departments, including Health and Sanitation and Music. These Departments, under her leadership, were very outstanding. She was the first to present a 24 Piano Ensemble in Oakland.

AGNES KNIGHT of San Diego, made a wonderful contribution for that Section. She is still active in many civic and fraternal organizations.

MELBA STAFFORD, a charter member of Fanny J. Coppin Club of Oakland, and is also a charter member of CACW Clubs. She has done excellent work with Alameda County League of Colored Women Voters, and also the NAACP. She also worked for the passage of the National Women's Suffrage in 1911.

IVA GRAY MATTHEWS served the Association for many years. She is a member of the Fanny J. Coppin Club, and held offices as State Superintendent. She was the organizer and founder of the Elizabeth Brown Six and Over Club.

MRS. ARCHIE WALL was one of the most active workers in the CACW Clubs, Inc., serving as State Treasurer for 7 years. She organized the Spanish-American War Auxiliary of which she was President;

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also the King's Daughter's Circle. She also served as President of the Art and Industrial Club. She was the motivating spirit in organizing the Fannie Wall Home and Day Nursery, named in her honor, of which she was President for many years.

MRS. FRANK P. HENRY of Oakland was one of the Outstanding club women of Northern California. A charter member of Fanny J. Coppin Club. She conducted private classes in English for Adults who had been deprived of the opportunity of Public School instruction. She was an earnest Trail Blazer in studying the value of the vote.

ALBERTA G. DILLARD is now President of CACW Clubs. She is a product of Central Section where ideal club women come from, like P.S.P. Pearl Lowery Winters and Billie Ashby. She has done a very fine job in the last two years, and is now ready to hand the gavel to her successor. She attended the last Biennial in Washington, D.C., August, 1954.

TAIMA BROOKS worked in the Association since girlhood. She was a member of Phyllis Wheatley Club. She served the Association in many capacities: Secretary, Editor, Etc.

CORINE MILTON, Poet Laureate of CACW is the Author of 'The Tree Grows In California'. She lives in San Mateo.

RUTH BUTLER is a hard working club woman of Los Angeles. She is well qualified as a leader, and has held several State Offices. She is now Chairman of the Executive Board & doing fine.

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Lydia Jackson, Lydia W. Smith, J. Winkie, Maggie Judge, Cassie Moten, N. Robinson, Laura O. Rielly, Delilah Beasley, Edna Stewart, Vassie R. Wright, Nancy F. McMickins, Lucy S. Sims, P. McDonald Roberts, F. E. Bramlett, Maggie H. Banks, Lula Sargent, Theodora Purnell, Eva Carter Buckner, A. M. Smith, Addie Willis, Hattie DeHart, Josie Hutton, Tulip Jones, Iva Gray, Elizabeth Ford, Linclonia Morgan, Candace Saddler, Mattie Williams, Onie Branford, Nettie Modeste, Anna Mabry, NACG, E. A. Johnson, Nettie Nichols, Laura Davis, Viola Brooks, Ella Hawkins, Mamie Netherland, Cornelia Roberson, Emmeline Jarrett, Mrs. Sam Jones, Melba Stafford, Donna Lightfoot, Emma Drisdorn, Leola Wilson, Margaret Nottage, Emma Bertha, J. B. Martin, Nettie B. Reese, J.J. Christian, Catherine D. Robinson, Ceoyla Brown, Mrs. Robert Houston, Ann Collins, Ann Bigby, Henrietta Bridges, Sadie Simms, NACG, Mildred Dennis, Laura Potts, E.A. Johnson, Mary Reed, Vassie R. Wright, Anna Myles, Rev. Jones Robertson, Francis Albrier, Mercedes Hill Antonio, Zilica Foster Williams, Margaret Benson Evans, Claudia Jernigan, Elizabeth Foreman, Henrietta Gibson, Maude Normand, Melvina Williams, Willa Henry, Ruth Williams, Estelle Fields, Claribel Ashcraft, Irene Moore, Talma Brooks, Ardella Clifton, NACG, Bobby Hill, NACG, Corine Milton, Maryln Selby, Dr. Mabel Oliver, Alpha Gallie, Laura Forester, Myrtle Brown.

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MONUMENTS

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National Monument

Frederick Douglass Home

National Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

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State Monuments

Sojourner Truth Home ---- Los Angeles, California

Eastside Settlement House - Los Angeles, California

Fannie Wall Home and Day

Nursery ----- Oakland, California

Mme C.J. Walker Home --- San Francisco, California

Golden West Club House --- Bakersfield, California

Negro Women Civic Improvement Club -----

----- Sacramento, California

The Fine Art and Social Club - Merced, California

Women's Art & Industrial Club - Oakland, California

Phyllis Wheatley Club --- Los Angeles, California

Mabel V. Gray Progressive Club - Delano, California

STATISTICAL REPORT

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There are One-Hundred and Ten clubs in the State with a membership of 2700.

The State is divided into four Sections of which the Northern Section, comprising Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley, Vallejo, Richmond, San Mateo, Palo Alto, San Jose, Stockton, Merced, Tulare, Bakersfield, Fresno, and Sacramento, is the largest. The San Diego Section is the smallest but has a group of lovely clubs with women that are greatly interested in the work, our Third Vice President comes from this section.

The Central Section comprises Tulare, Bakersfield, Fresno, and Wasco, also Delano, Victorville, and Barstow.

The Southern Section is the next largest, comprising Los Angeles, Pasadena, El Centro.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED GIRLS

The CACW Clubs have fostered Junior Clubs among Colored Girls for many years. These clubs were organized and sponsored by an Adult Club, who was interested in supervising same.

One of the first Junior Clubs was the Pollyannas, under the sponsorship of the Art & Industrial Club of Oakland. This club participated with the visiting Junior Clubs attending the Biennial which convened in Oakland in 1926.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED GIRLS (Cont'd)

The purpose of organizing the Juniors was to bring them into closer touch with the ideals fostered by the Adult Group, in order to unify and inspire the girls throughout the States into one body.

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1930, the National Association of Colored Girls was founded by Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, and in 1933, at the Convention held in Chicago, the Girls' Guide was presented to the Organization. Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart was elected permanent Chairman. Miss Josephine Brice Johnson of Oakland, Junior State President, was elected First Vice President at the Cleveland Biennial in 1935, and later became the National President, due to the marriage of the National President. It was she who presented the Poppy Ship in behalf of the girls of California. She won the Supervisor's Cup.

The Motto of the N.A.C.G. is, 'Know Thyself'.  
The Flower of the Organization is the Four Leaf Clover.

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