

Family Demography

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EVIDENCE OF MAINE'S BLACK FAMILIES
from 1800 to the 20th Century



Mr. Edgar Anderson



"I've been married twice. In my first marriage, I married my high school sweetheart... No. I married the woman I dated from high school. So, we have, well, we have a son who's just turned 32 two weeks ago. He also has a wife. I have three grandchildren... He has three kids. He has a son, Lamont, who is eight. And he just had twin girls, Marisa and Mariah, who are gonna be one on June 30th of this year."

Mr. Edgar Anderson (Male; age 51; born 1950 in Chicago suburb called Harvey)

Keywords: family demography, Black Families, Maine

Full Length Interview: [Home is Where I Make It: Anderson, Edgar](#)

Ms. Beverly Bowens



"...I have one brother who's older than I am...My own family. I was married to a surgeon who died shortly after I was married; three years after I was married. I have one child, Alison. And I have a granddaughter and I have a brand new grandson-relatively new grandson."

Ms. Beverly Bowens (born in Maine; age 67; left at 21 years old for about 35 to 40 years and then returned to Maine)

Keywords: family demography, Black Families, Maine

Full Length Interview: [Home is Where I Make It: Bowens, Beverly](#)

Reverend Albert and Clemmie Jackson



"Neville Knowles who, ah – ah I met him. Ah, I was a teenager at the time and we lived next door. And, ah, him and his family was hardworking."

Reverend Albert Jackson (born in Slabfork, Virginia; age 61; lived in Maine for 43 years) and Mrs. Clemmie Jackson (born March 1948 in Marengo County, Alabama; age 55; lived in Maine for 3.5 years)

Keywords: childhood experiences, Black Families, Maine

Full Length Interview: [Home is Where I Make It: Jackson, Rev. Albert and Clemmie Jackson](#)

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Ms. Wahidah Muhammad



"I have one son. He is, um -- he'll be 40 this year. And I'm a grandmother of one 13-year-old son."

Ms. Wahidah Muhammad (born 1948 in Chicago, Illinois; lived in Maine since December 1991; lived in Lewiston since 1997)

Keywords: family demography, Black Families, Maine

Full Length Interview: [Home is Where I Make It: Muhammad, Wahidah](#)

Mr. Rupert Richardson



"Yes, I'm married. My wife is Canadian. In fact, my oldest brother, he married a Canadian. So in this particular case, brothers married sisters. So his children and my children, they can't get any closer as far as being blood relatives."

Mr. Rupert Richardson (born in Portland, Maine; living in Maine for 71 years)

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Selected Audio: [Series 1: Family - Recordings](#)

Full Length Interview: [Home is Where I Make It: Richardson, Rupert](#)

Mr. Richard Tarrence



"Loretta. Loretta-my ex wife; I'm now divorced. But we did move back here and raised my son. Eventually had a daughter in '83."

Mr. Richard Tarrence (age 57; born 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Maine in October 1975)

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Full Length Interview: [Home is Where I Make It: Tarrence, Richard](#)