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Henry Norman Penn
From this to this
OUR EARLY GRADUATES

MISS ELIZABETH GOOCH

Born Sept. 16, 1883 in Covington, Ky. Entered Lincoln Grant at the age of 6. Graduated from William Grant High in 1902. Attended Oberlin College for 2 years, then attended St. Athanasius College in Georgia. Taught at Lincoln Grant for 39 years. Retired in 1954. Now resides at 1021 Russell St., Covington, Ky.

MRS. BESSIE (Smith) CONLEY


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MRS. CATHERINE (Williams) WEBB

Born Nov. 26, 1896 in Lexington, Ky. Came to Covington at the age of 4. Entered Lincoln Grant at the age of 7. Graduated from William Grant in 1917. Attended Kentucky State College, received a Bachelor Degree at the University of Cincinnati. Started teaching at Lincoln Grant in 1921 and taught there for 42 years. Retired in 1962. Resides at 1115 Russell St., Covington, Ky.
COMMITTEES

REGISTRATION ....................... PATRICIA HUMPHRIES FANN
                                      Friday, July 27, 8:00 A.M.
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BUFFET AND DISCO ..................... WILLIAM WAUGH
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                                      TOUR ............ ROBERT STORMS
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"HISTORY OF WILLIAM GRANT"

In 1867 the people of Kentucky were made aware that Black people were entitled to a proper education, through a bill which hadn't been passed at that time. So the Blacks in the City of Covington decided to educate their own without assistance from the City or the state, by starting their own school.

The first school was held in the home of Rev. Jacob Price at 61 Bremen Street. Rev. Price was the minister of the Bremen Street African Baptist Church. Later, the street was renamed Pershing Street.

Later, Rev. Price became minister of the First Baptist Church on Ninth Street in Covington. Social events were used to raise money to operate the school.

Years passed and plans were being made by the city and state to open the doors to educate the Black people. The Covington Board of Education found two (2) churches to house the schools. The Fourth E.M. Church was named the Madison Street School, which was located on the South West side of Madison Street between Second and Third Streets. In the other part of town, the second school was named the Robbins Street School, which was held in the Colored Baptist Church, between Scott and Madison Ave. On September 8, 1875, the doors were officially opened.

The first principal was John McLeod, with one assistant, Arzelia Ross, at the Madison Street School. The school opened with 84 students at the Madison Street School and 54 students at the Robbins Street School, which had one (1) teacher, Miss Constantia Taylor. The basic courses of reading, writing, arithmetic and music, etc., were offered.

Principal McLeod and Miss Ross taught the upper classes, known as A, B, C classes at the Madison Street School. Miss Taylor taught the lower classes, D, E, F classes, at Robbins Street School. A total of 138 students were enrolled in both schools.

As time passed, the enrollment increased, more space and courses were needed. During this time, Black people were able to vote and a white man by the name of William Grant knew how much the Black vote would count. Mr. Grant, a rich and powerful democrat with a lot of influence, was running for the Kentucky Legislature. He offered the Black people a better education and the Black considered the offer and voted for Mr. Grant.

Mr. Grant, a Kentucky Legislator, up held his promise. In 1880, Mr. Grant deeded land for the school on 7th Street and the school conditions improved. William Grant was given it's name between 1880 - 89.

The first class to graduate was in 1889, in which two (2) students by the name of Annie E. Price and Mary E. Allen received diplomas. As time passed, in 1928 the school had a fire, but school was still held.

In 1929, Grant had their first extra curricular activity, which was football and the name of the team was Grant Warriors. By football being the only sport, they worked hard and under the coaching of Mr. Paul Redden, Sr., they became the 1929 state champions.

During this time, there was a Black school by the name of Lincoln in Latonia, which was eventually closed. After the Lincoln School closed, it merged with William Grant and became Lincoln Grant, which is what the elementary grades were called.

In 1931, the school had its second fire, but a new school was already in the process of being built on Greenup Street in the Black community. The school was completed in 1931, and the doors were opened in 1932. The building consisted of three (3) floors and a basement.

The Black people had waited a long time for this opportunity and they took pride in their school. Blacks from other cities such as Newport and Erlanger were transferred to William Grant, because there were no Black high schools in their cities. More studies and activities were offered, but a lot was left to be desired. In spite of that, the school continued to grow. The school started with the kindergarten through the twelfth grade. The elementary and Jr. High were named Lincoln Grant, the ninth through twelfth were William Grant. The first graduating class from the new school was the class of 1932. There were thirty-three (33) classes to graduate after that.

In April of 1965 notice came to the student body that it would no longer be a high school. It would be just an elementary school due to integration and all high school students were sent to Holmes High School.

I was a Jr. in high school at that time, and was to graduate the following year, 1966. For twelve years I had waited for the day that I would walk down those aisles for a new beginning, but the decision was made, there was nothing left to do.

In 1969, the school was renamed twelfth district, but was changed back in 1974 to Lincoln Grant. The school closed officially in 1976.

"Lest We Forget: Researched and Edited by Patricia Humphries Fann
WEEK-END ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY ....................... BUFFET — DISCO DANCE
Quality Inn Motel
7:30 P. M.

SATURDAY .................... BUSINESS MEETING
Jones' Auditorium
1:00 P. M.

PARADE ...................... 11:00 A. M.
BUS TOUR ..................... 2:00 P. M.
SWIM PARTY ................... 2:00 — 4:00

EXHIBIT ....................... LINCOLN GRANT CAFETERIA
9:00 A. M. — 4:00 P. M.

DINNER DANCE ............... DRAWBRIDGE INN
(1.75 & Buttermilk Pike)
6:30 P. M.

SUNDAY ....................... MEMORIAL SERVICES
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President of Class of ‘65

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PROGRAM

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Invocation ...... Rev.

DINNER

Presentation ...... 1932 Football Team
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VIGNETTES
Mrs. Bessie Conley – 1910
Miss Elizabeth Gooch – 1902
Mrs. Catherine Webb – 1915
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Introduction of Classes
Anna Butler Penn – 1932

Presentation of Home-Coming Committee
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