

Isaac Adolphus David, Sr.

Family History

EARLY LIFE



Our family patriarch, Isaac Adolphus David, Sr. was born in late 1800's in the United States. Though the specifics of his birthplace are still being investigated, we know that he was a part a family of seven (7) that immigrated from the US to Liberia, West Africa.

We know from ship manifests that Isaac was 5 years old when his family boarded a ship named the "Liberia" in New York on October 31, 1891. The manifest listed the family as being from

Little Rock, Arkansas, USA and Methodist in religion.

Those on the list were as follows:

- * Samuel David- age 33 father
- * Maggie David - age 28 mother

Children:

- * Tempey - age 10
- * Paul - age 9
- * Mattie - age 7
- * Isaac A. David (Sr.) - age 5
- * Frederick - age 3

-Upon arrival in Liberia the David family initially settled in Johnsonville, Montserrado County with others from Little Rock.

-Young Isaac's parents died when he was 13 years old

-Isaac's sister Tempey married Rev. John Hoff and moved to Robertsport in Grand Cape Mount County where young Isaac was raised by the couple.

ADULT LIFE

Isaac A. David home was located at Newport and Benson Street where Cousin Christine Norman bookstore was located before the 1980 coup.

Isaac A. David married, WOKIE A. JAHLABAH, his first wife who bore him four children before he was widowed: Wilmot A. David, Victoria A. David (Tolbert), Isaac David Jr. and Frederick David (who was reared by Maude David). After the death of his wife, he subsequently married LUCRETIA GRAY who bore him two children a son named Taweh Eric David and a daughter who died in infancy. Isaac David married MAUDE BLAKE whom he predeceased.

Isaac A. David Sr. Children are: Wilmot A. David, Victoria A David (Tolbert), Isaac A David Jr., William (Willie) David, Samuel (Sammy) David, Fred David, Sadie (David) DeShield, Rose David, Frederick David Sr., and Eric L David Sr.

Not mentioned in this account are the children that did not take the David surname.

CAREER

Isaac A. David Sr. became Superintendent of Grand Cape Mount County. During the 1940s he rose to the position of Circuit Court Judge and Senator.

Later in his career, Isaac A. David Sr. became Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in Monrovia, Liberia where he died in that roll and was buried.

Today the Isaac A. David Sr. High School stands a testament to his memory and legacy of family and the importance of education.