

EDWIN DONERSON MOTEN MD (1875-1955)



Following the Civil War the Quakers helped many black families during the Reconstruction period. In Denton, Texas in the mid-1870's they founded a community which became known as Quakertown. In 1878 a school was built there and many families relocated from Freeman Town to this area of Denton. In 1907 Dr. Moten married Susie Annetta Whitlock and came to live in Quakertown as the only African American Doctor. The Moten family stayed until 1919 when the family moved to Indianapolis.

Dr. Moten was born December 18, 1875 in Bastrop Co., Texas and was a graduate of Hampton University and Shaw University Leonard Medical School in North

Carolina in 1907. He served as secretary to the Lone Star State Medical Association and was a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army during World War I. The family stayed in Indianapolis and Edwin died there in 1955.

Susie Annetta Whitlock was eldest the daughter of Rev. Emanuel Whitlock and Carolyne Booker who were married Sep. 18, 1878 in Buckingham Co., Virginia. Susie had a brother Rev. Bernard Godfrey Whitlock (1896-1949). Emanuel Whitlock was born in Campbell Co., Virginia about 1857, and was likely the son of Elias & Dolly Whitlock.

The Bayless-Selby House Museum in Denton, Texas has a collection of Dr. Moten's letters and photographs.

Edwin and Susie had three children, Annetta (1908-1986), Myrtle B. (1910-1970) & Edwin D. (1915-2001).

After Susie's death in 1938 Edwin married Josephine Bramlette (1892-1991)

My thanks to Joy Miller-Davis for contacting us and providing links to this information. I look forward to working with Joy as she traces back her Whitlock ancestry. Hopefully our files will provide additional information about their origins in Virginia.



Susie Annetta Whitlock (1879-1938)

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