

Bob is researching the Af. American Woodward connections of his wife. He is Caucasian.

CHRISTMAS 2010

What good is it to me if Mary gave birth to the Son of God fourteen hundred years ago and I do not also give birth to the Son of God in my time and in my culture?
Meister Eckhart (A.D. 1260-1327)
Rhineland Mystic

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SEASONS GREETINGS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHEREVER DISPERSED

As we close out this year and as we prepare to celebrate another Christmas by lifting up

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we hope this letter finds each of you enjoying an abundance of blessings and graces.

Throughout 2010, Bob and Debra have continued their pastoral ministry at Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Ennis. Please visit our website at <http://www.paulquinndistrict.org/WaymanEnnis/WaymanEAME.htm>. This year, Bob has participated in the rotating chaplaincy at the Ennis Regional Medical Center.

On Friday September 17, Bob and Debra attended the "When I Rise" CD Release Party of our minister of music, Rev. K. M. Williams (known internationally as the "Texas Country Blues Preacher") at the KNON Radio Station in Dallas. Articles about K. M.

containing scenes from worship services at Wayman Chapel appeared in both Living Blues (published at the University of Mississippi at Oxford) and The Dallas Morning News. K. M., his wife Diana, and their sons Demetrius and Jeremy are truly a blessing to our ministry.

On Sunday October 17, for the second year in a row, Bob preached and K. M. performed at the Abbott Methodist Church, the home church of Willie Nelson at Abbott, Texas. On Sunday November 21, Bob preached and K. M. performed at the Community Thanksgiving Service at the Cross Point (formerly First Baptist) Church of Ennis. They also ministered at Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Dallas, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Whitney, and Saint Peter Memorial AME Church in Arlington.

This year, a number of improvements were made to Wayman Chapel's physical plant, including the placement of pillars, painting, guttering, and replacement of doors. We were blessed to purchase some property behind the church which we hope to turn into a parking lot. Additional improvements are planned for 2011.

Throughout 2010, Bob has taught classes in Religion and Political Science at Paul Quinn College in Dallas and Navarro College in Midlothian. On Tuesday November 2, he appeared on Channel 11 in Fort Worth as an election commentator.

In 2010, Bob's articles appeared in The Ennis Daily News; Vestnik; The Phylaxis; and The Journal of the Masonic Society. Four articles appeared in the newly released Volume II of

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas. His three books—Blind Lemon Jefferson: His Life, His Death, and His Legacy (2002); Prince Hall Freemasonry in the Lone Star State: From Cuney to Curtis, 1875-2003 (2004); and Éliphas Lévi and the Kabbalah: The Masonic and French Connection of the American Mystery Tradition (2006) continue to generate sales.

In March, Bob and Debra attended the annual convention of the Phylaxis Society in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. At this meeting, Bob was inducted into the Harry A. Williamson Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to Masonic research. He conducted a workshop on Éliphas Lévi. He brought with him ten copies of his third book. Within fifteen minutes, he was sold out. He'll need to bring more next time.

Debra has stayed busy with her multiple roles of wife, mother, grandmother, and first lady of Wayman Chapel. She also has done much community and volunteer work.

On September 4, 2008, Debra underwent gastric bypass surgery at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. Since then, she has received a number of encouraging medical reports. Her physicians are pleased with her progress as she continues to lose weight and to develop a more active lifestyle. She still hopes to return to the workforce.

On November 25 (Thanksgiving Day), Bob walked 3 miles in the Turkey Trot in downtown Dallas. He also walked in several parades this year. Parade marching remains one of his favorite hobbies.

Our daughter Ericha and her husband Kenneth live in Cedar Hill. Ericha is employed in the Cedar Hill Public Schools as a mentor to teachers. Kenneth continues to do well in his moving business. They remain active with children's ministry. Their daughters Kendra and Kayla are both students in Cedar Hill Public Schools and very high achievers.

Our son Eric and grandson Richard have each experienced a challenging year. But, by the grace of God, they are both holding on. Eric's wife Cheryl and daughter Kayleigh are doing well.

Our daughter JoAnna lives in Waco with her husband Charles and their three children: Dominique, Alicia, and Davion. She stays quite busy as wife and mother. She works as a phlebotomist at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. The children are all great athletes and keep busy season to season. All are on the A&B Honor Roll.

Our son Rob now lives in Lancaster and is employed in technical support. He also has his own computer technology and troubleshooting business, known as

Uzzel Technology Enterprises (U.T.E.).

We extend to you and yours our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!!! May the blessings and graces of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be real to you in 2011!!!

----- Original Message -----

From: Fairfield County Museum <fairfieldmus@truvista.net>
To: Bob Uzzel <drbobbuzz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri, May 28, 2010 9:29:50 AM
Subject: RE: SOUTH CAROLINA

I have not actively researched the family, but collected information shared by others. I do not know if Vann W. was connected. There were several colonial lines to come to SC, VA, etc., and someone deeper into the search may have submitted such connective information to Genforum or one of those open search sites.

-P

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Uzzel [<mailto:drbobbuzz@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 9:13 AM
To: Fairfield County Museum
Subject: RE: SOUTH CAROLINA

Thank you.

I have read some works of two writers named Woodward.

Dr. C. Vann Woodward--the dean of Southern historians--was born in Arkansas and taught for many years at Yale Universtiy. he died in 1999. Bob Woodward was born in Illinois and has written many best sellers, beginning with "All the President's Men." Do you know if either had roots in Fairfield County?

Jerry Woodard believes he is distantly related to the black actress Alfre Woodard.

--- On Wed, 5/26/10, Fairfield County Museum <fairfieldmus@truvista.net> wrote:

> From: Fairfield County Museum <fairfieldmus@truvista.net>
> Subject: RE: SOUTH CAROLINA
> To: "'Bob Uzzel'" <drbobbuzz@yahoo.com>
> Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 2:22 PM
> More than likely, Mrs. Ruth sent the
> familiar old explanation of Cornwallis
> saying "what Fair fields!" See the attached for the
> most likely version.

> -P
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bob Uzzel [<mailto:drbobbuzz@yahoo.com>]
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> Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 2:56 PM
> To: Fairfield County Museum
> Subject: Re: SOUTH CAROLINA
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> Pelham:
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> I told you I have been working on this project a long
> time. Today, I found
> a letter from Ruth M. Stevenson of the Fairfield County
> Museum re.
> Cornwallis' legendary statement "What fair fields these
> are." The letter is
> dated January 3, 1984.
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> Bob
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Fairfield County Museum <fairfieldmus@truvista.net>
> To: Bob Uzzel <drbobbuzz@yahoo.com>
> Cc: jerry.g.woodard@usps.gov;
> donnykrun@sc.rr.com
> Sent: Tue, May 25, 2010 1:52:39 PM
> Subject: RE: SOUTH CAROLINA
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> Bob,
> I have attached Donald Durham's email address from the
> website. Don't know
> if it will bounce here. I hope this information will open
> some doors if you
> don't already have it. There is a large Af. American
> Woodard and Woodward
> family contingent still here. Most of my white Woodward
> relatives don't
> carry the surname in these generations. However, I have
> been corresponding
> with some by email. A cousin recently located the John
> Woodward bible (Thos.
> Woodward's son who married Esther McDonald and was my line)
> and I was able
> to get some images of the family pages.
> There were several Woodward families here in Fairfield
> District by the late
> 1700s who were likely all related but in from Virginia in
> different
> migrations. Many of the Af. American Woodwards have

> traditions of Nat.
> American ancestors. As you will read in Thos. Simpson
> Woodward's
> Reminiscences, (full text of his Reminiscences at
> <http://jrshelby.com/creek/woodward.htm>),
> go almost to the end of the
> Reminiscences to the topic, WHEELING, WINN PARISH, LA.
> December 20, 1858. J.J. HOOPER, Esq. to see him talk of the
> families of both
> of Thos. Woodward the Regulator's wives, Jemima Collins (my
> line) and
> Elizabeth May (of Native American descent).
> I hope these are of interest in your search.
> -Pelham
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bob Uzzel [<mailto:drbobuzz@yahoo.com>]
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> Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 2:11 PM
> To: fairfieldmus@truvista.net
> Subject: Fw: SOUTH CAROLINA
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> To: jerry.g.woodard@usps.gov
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> Jerry:
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> I just had a delightful conversation with Pelham Lyles of
> the Fairfield
> County Museum in Winnsboro, S. C.
> She is very familiar with the Durham and Woodward
> families. Her great
> grandfather was Thomas Woodward.
> She said that "Woodward" and "Woodard" are variations of
> the same name and
> they do not pronounce the "W." She looks forward to
> meeting us. Here
> e-mail address is fairfieldmus@truvista.net.
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> I look forward to hearing from you.
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> Bob