

Creating Community



Bishop J.C. Richardson, Sr
Mt. Sinai



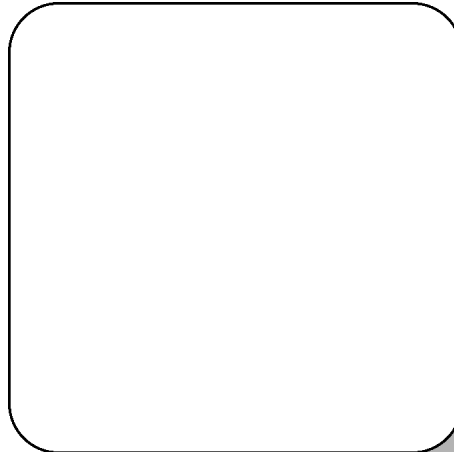
Rev. R.T. and Mrs. Marion G. Anderson
Mt. Zion A.M.E.



Rev. Wm. A. Shackelford
High St. Baptist



William Dyson Hobson
Plant foreman & former Mayor
of Martinsville



Black community leaders in Martinsville during the 20th century could be found in many walks of life, not the least of which were schools and churches.

Lula White Johnson, for example, became the first English department chair

of the new Martinsville High School in 1968 after teaching at Albert Harris High School. A New York state native with an MA from Cornell University, she shared her energies by serving on the boards of the Piedmont Arts Association, Memorial Hospital, Hospice, SafetyNet, the Blue Ridge Public Library, FOCUS and the Salvation Army. A mother and wife, and a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Delta Sigma Theta, the Links, Estralitas and the Hampton University Alumni Association, she gave of herself year in and year out, and doing so made Martinsville a better place.



WHEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL opened in 1952, employees of Globman's department store (first row, Al Morris, Mary Earles and Dan Greene) presented the new hospital's Board of Directors with sheets and pillowcases. From left to right they are: the Rev. Hezekiah Morris from High St. Baptist Church, insurance broker Ed Jones, lawyer William Alexander, hospital administrator Rudolph Hairston and Elmer Turner, principal of Albert Harris High School.



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