

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Masonic Brothers, East Lake Lodge No. 247

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Monico Solomon	Quincy L. Solomon
Judge L. Solomon	Billy K. Solomon
Ransom L. Solomon	Lee W. Washington
Monico Solomon, Jr.	Vertee Jackson
Lee Elbert Garrett	Johnnie K. Garrett
Vistor D. Burks	

FLOWER BEARERS

CHOIR MEMBERS

APPRECIATION

The Family sincerely appreciates the many expressions of kindness and sympathy extended during their bereavement.

INTERMENT: Lone Star Cemetery

Graveside Ceremonies – Masonic Brothers, Floyd Terry, W.M.

UPDACK FUNERAL HOME

In charge of arrangements
Palestine, Texas

OBSEQUIES

FOR

Will K. Solomon



Sunday, February 11, 1973

2:00 P. M.

LONE STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Ayers, Pastor

BIOGRAPHY

*The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
the world, and they that dwell therein:*

*For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon
the floods.*

*Who shall ascend into the hills of the Lord?
or who shall stand in His holy place?*

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

*Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn
deceitfully.*

*He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and
righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

Psalms: 24

Mr. Will K. Solomon was the son of Mr. Billy K. Solomon and Miss Nellie M. Morton. He joined the church at an early age. He united in marriage to Miss Colonious Love and to this union ten children were born. One child and the wife preceeded him in death. He was faithful to the church until his demise.

Later he united in matrimony to Mrs. Charlie M. Chase. She also preceeded him in death.

He is survived by seven daughters; Mmes. Nellie M. Jackson, Thressia Washington, Bettye Jordan, Rachel Garrett of Oakwood, Texas, Miss Ardelia Solomon of Malakoff. Texas. Mrs. Easter Campbell of San Antonio, Texas, Jellory Akins of Palestine, Texas, two sons; Mr. Monico Solomon of Athens, Texas, Q. L. Solomon of Oakwood, Texas, twenty-eight grandchildren, forty-five great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

PROGRAM

Processional

Selection - - - - - Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Scriptures:

Old Testament - - - - - Rev. H. Banks

New Testament - - - - - Rev. L. E. Chilton

Prayer - - - - - Rev. C. C. Taylor

Selection - - - - - I Need Thee Every Hour

Resolutions:

Church

Others

Remarks (1 minute)

Solo "Never Grow Old" - - - - - Mrs. E. L. McIlveen

Laudatory - - - - - Rev. A. W. Ayers

Open Bier

Recessional

File, Solomon, W.K.

Spotlight Upon Unsung Heroes

Willie King Solomon: Freestone County Trailblazer

By Wilbur Thirkield Titus



While studying trailblazers of Freestone County as heroes, I found that it is not surprising when one achieves well and makes notable contributions to society after he has been raised in a healthy environment and has received a good education. It is probably far more commendable when the individual does this when his background is just the opposite. I wonder what the individuals would have done if the conditions would have been different.

Willie King (W. K.) Solomon (12/17/1875-1973), son of Billy King and Nellie Rauls Solomon was such a man. He was born in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas but when his father died, he was brought to the Bethel Community in east Freestone County, Texas, where he lived with his aunt Pinkie Rauls Williams.

After barely completing the third grade, he left school to help support his family.

W. K. was married twice. His first wife was Colonious Augustus Love.

The children of that union were Nellie Marion, Theresa Mae, Betty Ann, Ardelia, Monico, Ateic, Jello, twins Easter and Rachel, and Quincy Lee.

In 1970, he married Charlene Mable Richardson after the death of Colonious who died in April of 1966.

In order to care for and educate his family, W. K. had to use his many and varied abilities. His first job was as a saw mill worker. He used a six-mule team to load and unload logs. He did well farming and bought a luxury two-seated surrey, which had a fringe around the top and was drawn by two horses. He became a blacksmith and fashioned and sharpened farm tools; axes, saws, plows etc. He was also a syrup maker. He grew sugar cane and made it into syrup in his own mill. He was a beekeeper and harvested honey from the hives which he maintained on his place. He was a cook and was known for his good barbecue. His first barbecuing job was at Sam's on Highway 75. He was known and respected by many whites who hired him to barbecue for their major gatherings and festivities. In 1954, E. R. Hable & Sons employed W. K. as an operator and later a night watchman at its rock crusher plant.

W. K. made meaningful contributions to the life of the Butler Community. He helped to build the first Lone Star Baptist Church, where he served as deacon, treasurer, and prayer band leader. He was a Joshua of the Masonic Lodge in the 1940s, and served as a trustee on the Butler School District.

After a long life of service to God, his family and community, Willie King Solomon died in 1973 and was buried in the Lone Star Cemetery by his beloved Colonious.

For additional information, see History of Freestone County, Texas, Vol.I. and Tales of the Love an Solomon Family, By Bennie F. Sandifer, Unpublished.