

INTERVIEW WITH NEPHEW, DR. JOHN HENRY WINSTON, 10/22/97. WINSTON STAYED WITH ATTORNEY MADISON IN NEW YORK CITY WHILE WINSTON ATTENDED GRAD SCHOOL AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
ATTORNEY ARTHUR MADISON
B. 1888—MONTGOMERY COUNTY
D. 1957—NEW YORK CITY
BURIED—MADISON PARK MEMORIAL CEMETERY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

EDUCATION: B.S., BOWDOIN COLLEGE IN MAINE
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WAS AN ORGANIZER TO ENCOURAGE BLACK PEOPLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE WHEN HE SPENT LONG VACATIONS IN HIS HOME COMMUNITY. ESPECIALLY WORKED WITH YOUTH AND HELD CITIZENSHIP CLASSES. TRULY BELIEVED AS WAS INSTILLED IN THE MADISON FAMILY BY THE PATRIARCH ELI MADISON THAT THE FAMILY WAS A PART OF DUBOIS' "TALENTED TENTH" TO SERVE THE RACE. ALL OF THE MADISONS EXCELED AS LAWYERS, DOCTORS, EDUCATORS, SCIENTISTS (FIVE GENERATIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN THESE FIELDS WITH DISTINCTION, SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSESSED BY WHITE STANDARDS AND INSTRUMENTS AS GENIUSES).

MARRIAGE: TO THE LATE MARY LOVELESS, SISTER TO THE UNDERTAKER PROPRIETOR, JOHN HENRY LOVELESS. HIS FUNERAL HOME WAS SOLD TO ROSS AND CLAYTON (RUFUS LEWIS' WIFE). MARY PRECEDED MADISON IN DEATH.

ONE DAUGHTER—JOSEPHINE "SUNSHINE" (NICKNAME GIVEN BY FATHER DIVINE)
MADISON BURTON. HER MARRIAGE PRODUCED ONE SON, WHO WAS
THE "DARLING" OF ARTHUR MADISON, GRANDFATHER.

TYPES OF CASES: VOTING RIGHTS, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PRACTICES, TRIED MANY CASES AND AND SUCCEEDED WITH "INNOCENT BY REASON OF INSANITY." CLIENTS WOULD BE COMMITTED AT HARLEM VALLEY HOSPITAL IN WINGDALE, NY. WHEN CLIENTS WERE RELEASED AS OUTPATIENTS, SEVERAL STAYED WITH MADISON IN THE BASMENT APARTMENTS IN HIS BROWNSTONE HOME IN HARLEM.

LAWYER AND FINANCIAL MANAGE FOR FATHER DIVINE, WHO WAS PROHIBITED TO BE IN NYC AFTER 12:00 MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAYS. HELPED FATHER DIVINE RE-ESTABLISH HIS HEADQUARTERS IN PHILADELPHIA, PA.

SOCIAL LIFE AND FRIENDS: SOUGHT AFTER AS AN ESCORT FOR HIGH SOCIETY LADIES. FRIENDS TO ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, SR AND PAUL ROBESON.

* POLITICIS: RAN SEVERAL TIMES FOR CITY COUNCIL IN NEW YORK CITY (HARLEM), TRIED VOTING RIGHTS CASE IN MONTGOMERY IN THE 1940S AND WAS DISBARRED FOR DOING SO IN ALABAMA IN 1944.

CHURCH: MOTHER ZION AMEZ IN HARLEM. PAUL ROBESON'S BROTHER WAS THE MINISTER .

DEATH: BECAME BLIND DUE TO GLAUCOMA. HIS GRANDSON WAS HIS CLOSE COMPANION AND GUIDE. FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS THAT RESULTED IN HIS DEATH IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1957. BODY SHIPPED HOME FOR BURIAL IN MADISON PARK.

INTERVIEW BY GWEN PATTON WAS AUGMENTED WITH RECOLLECTIONS FROM WILLIAM WINSTON, BROTHER TO JOHN HENRY AND DR. HAGALYN SEAY WILSON, NIECE TO THE ARTHUR. THE WINSTONS AND WILSON'S MOTHERS WERE SISTERS TO ARTHUR MADISON.