

# **Fannie Kate Glanton**



**March 16, 1885 – February 15, 1977**

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Fannie Kate Glanton was born on March 16, 1885 in Cedartown, Georgia. She was one of eleven children born to the union of Burt and Magdelene Glanton. Two of her siblings were Isom Glanton and Ora Glanton. Fannie was not allowed to attend school because of her race. Having no formal education, she was unable to read and write. The only education Fannie obtained was the knowledge passed on to her from her parents and inner circle of relatives and friends.

On March 8, 1907, Fannie gave birth to a daughter. The daughter was given the name Margaret Evelyn Pryor. This child was sired by a white man named Jack Pryor. The circumstances surrounding the pregnancy and the birth of her daughter are unclear.

On June 2, 1907, Fannie was united in holy matrimony to Henry Richardson in Polk County of Cedartown, Georgia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J.G. Gibbs.

While residing in Georgia, Fannie later gave birth to five children sired by her husband Henry Richardson: Moses Richardson, born May 25, 1908; Wilson Richardson born September 26, 1909; Noble Richardson born December 24, 1911; Kathryn Richardson born March 29, 1913 and L. C. Richardson born approximately in 1915 (L. C.'s name was just the initials L and C and is not an abbreviation for two names).

Due to an alleged conflict with some white people, Fannie and her family uprooted and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1917. They settled in a house on the southeast side of Indianapolis, Indiana at 1323 Golay Street 46203. Fannie went about her duties as a homemaker while her husband Henry worked in a factory and maintained gardens to support the family. Though she was unable to read and write, Fannie was an elite cook. Fannie always cooked every meal from scratch. Fannie's cooking skills were unmatched. If Fannie had been able to read and write, it is possible she could have written a cook book which could have been a number one best seller.

Fannie and her family raised chickens. In order to catch one of the chickens, Fannie would drop some corn kernels close to her foot. When a chicken came to feed on the kernels, Fannie would grab it by the neck. Next, she would swing the chicken by its neck in a large circle. Then she would suddenly snap her wrist. This would cause the chicken's neck to snap. Fannie called this wringing a chicken's neck. She would pluck the chicken's feathers and cook it for dinner.

Fannie joined New Garfield Missionary Baptist Church and was a faithful member. One of Fannie's favorite pastimes was sitting in her rocking chair and smoking a corn cob pipe while humming a religious hymn. Fannie's favorite hymn was "Near the Cross."

While residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, Fannie gave birth to five more children sired by her husband Henry Richardson: Alice Ruth Richardson born January 1, 1918; Wesley Richardson

born August 30, 1919; Clarence Richardson born January 4, 1922; Ralph W. Elwood Richardson born May 15, 1926 and Roosevelt James Richardson born July 5, 1930.

According to the 1930 U.S. Census, Fannie's brother, Isom Glanton stayed as a boarder in her home. It is not known how long he stayed or why he moved in with her.

On November 19, 1948, Fannie's husband Henry passed away from cardiovascular disease. In the early 1950s, Fannie's home at 1323 Golay Street was sold out from under her without her knowledge or consent by her son Ralph W. Elwood Richardson. This phenomenon is known as taking advantage of and stealing from an elderly family member. This offense was made possible due to the inside connection of blood relationship, which was a direct breach of family trust.



Fannie  
at son, Wilson's home

Fannie moved in with her son Wilson who lived at 1401 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208. Fannie changed her membership from New Garfield Missionary Baptist Church and joined the First Free Will Baptist Church which was closer to her son Wilson's home.



Alice Ruth, Fannie and great-granddaughter, Tonya  
July 1976

When Wilson could no longer meet his mother's medical and physical needs, the family agreed that Fannie would move in with her daughter Alice Ruth. Alice Ruth lived at 411 North Arsenal Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. Fannie's main caregivers at this time were her daughter Alice Ruth, her sons: Moses, Wilson, Wesley, Clarence and grandson James A. Stockton.

When Fannie grew older and weaker, the family agreed to move her in with her oldest son Moses. Her daughter Alice Ruth did not have a downstairs bedroom and Moses had a bed and bathroom available at street level. Moses' home was located at 3024 Cottage Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46203.

It came to a point when no one in the family had the medical skill to meet Fannie's 24 hour a day 7 days a week medical needs. The family agreed to place Fannie into a nursing home.

While in the nursing home, Fannie told her grandson James A. Stockton, "Tell Clarence to look out for his brothers Wesley and Ralph." Though she was on her death bed, Fannie knew which of her sons needed to be cared for and which one was the most dependable.

Fannie Kate Glanton/Richardson passed away on February 15, 1977 at the age of 91 years and 11 months. Fannie's cause of death was bronchopneumonia (pneumonia follow by a stint of bronchitis), uremia (when waste normally excreted in urine is retained in the blood stream) and senility (physical and mental decline due to old age). Fannie's funeral was arranged by her daughter Alice Ruth and sons Moses Sr., Wilson, Clarence and grandson James Stockton. Her final affairs were settled by her daughter Alice Ruth. Fannie was laid to rest in New Crown Cemetery located at 2101 Churchman Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46203. Fannie was loved and cherished by her entire family.

ISSUED BY MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

Local No. 1031 State No. \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT INK SEE HANDBOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST SEX DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

1. Fannie Kate Richardson F 2. 2-15-77

RACE: W AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS) MONTH. DAYS UNDER 1 DAY HOURS MIN. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) COUNTY OF DEATH

3. 89 4. 89 5. 3-16 6. 1887 7. Marion

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER)

8. Indpls 9. Yes 10. Methodist Hospital of Ind. Inc.

DECEASED STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A.) CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY 10. MARRIED  NEVER MARRIED  SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

11. Georgia 12. U.S.A. 13. Widowed 14. None

USUAL RESIDENCE WHERE DECLARED LIVED, IF DEATH OCCURRED IN INSTITUTION, GIVE RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 12. Unknown 13a. H.W. 13b. \_\_\_\_\_

14a. Ind 14b. Marion 14c. Indpls 14d. Yes 14e. CENTER

14f. 3208 M. Sherman 14g. No 14h. Yes 14i. No

FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST

15. BURT GLANTON 16. UNKNOWN

INFORMANT—NAME RELATIONSHIP MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)

17a. MOSES RICHARDSON 17b. SON 17c. 3024 Cottage, Indpls, IN 46203

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)) APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

18. 485x (a) Bronchopneumonia 19. 2 wks

CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), BEATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH (IF NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I)

20. Uremia, Senility 21a. Yes 21b. No 21c. Yes 21d. No

DATE & TIME OF DEATH MONTH DAY YEAR HOUR DATE SIGNED MONTH DAY YEAR

20. 2-15-77 8:00 A.M. 21c. 2-15-77

PHYSICIAN'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN PHY. CODE NO.

22a. J. L. SIMMS, M.D. 22b. J. L. Simms

M. D. OR D. O. MAILING ADDRESS—PHYSICIAN STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP

23. 3140 N. Illinois St Indianapolis Ind. 46205

BURIAL, CREMATION, REBURYAL (SPECIFY) CEMETERY, CREMATORIUM, FUNERAL HOME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE

24a. BURIAL 24b. New Crown Cemetery Indianapolis, Indiana

DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) FUNERAL HOME—NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)

24c. 2-18-1977 24d. CRANF Funeral Home, 3447 N. College, Indpls, IN.

25. James A. Stockton 26. FEB 18

HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

25. \_\_\_\_\_ 26. \_\_\_\_\_

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FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Joseph Stebbins  
LICENSE No. 7228  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE William M. Cain

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Provisional Certificate  Yes  No