

## THE WARING FAMILY

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THE Waring Family, according to a record made by William Waring III in 1878 began about 1750. There came from England that year, a Scotchman named Captain William Waring who settled in Virginia. He became an officer in the Revolutionary War and died there 1815. He produced a family by a mixed-blooded woman, his slave, whom he after manumitted. Her name was Vessels. They had seven children whom he recognized and left \$5,000 each. These children were David, Susan, Rosetta, William, Maria, Henry and Arthur. They were all born in Essex County, Virginia. The eldest sister, the daughter of Captain William Waring and Mother Vessels was named Susan who had three children named James, John, and Catherine. Catherine married a man named Walter Williams and died early in life. John went to Detroit where he settled with his mother who came in 1852 and died there after a long illness. James went to sea and never returned.

Captain Waring had two other quadroon children, one of whom died in childhood, and the other, Henrietta, married a white man named Gaines, crossed over to the other race and died in that connection.

Rosetta, the third of the children of William Waring and Mother Vessels married a man named Threshly Simmons. She died in 1833 or 1834 in Fredericksburg. She left six children—Robert, Susan, Henry, Julia, Mary and Threshly. They settled in Detroit in 1852. Threshly crossed over to the white race. Susan married her cousin's widower, Walter Williams. She died soon thereafter. Robert Simmons, one of Rosetta's children, settled in Parkersburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). Henry Simmons settled in Boston, and Mary who married Barker lived also in Boston. Julia married a Deas and lived in California.

William, the second son of Captain William Waring and Mother Vessels, was born in 1798 and died in 1854. He married Lavenia Crutchfield. In the latter part of the eighteenth century, an East Indian came to these shores. He was named Ambrose Mont. By his white wife he had two children named John and Fannie. John and Fannie lived in Spottsylvania County all their lives. John died at the age of 70 during the Civil War, and his sister lived a little longer. Fannie married Colonel Robert Crutchfield who was born in the same county about 1770, his parents having come from England. This Colonel married Fanny Mont. Lavenia was her daughter. He had a son named William B. Crutchfield. Lavenia had East Indian but no Negro blood. Colonel Crutchfield was an extensive planter. William Crutchfield married white and settled in Haywood County, Tennessee, where he had a large family. Colonel Robert Crutchfield recognized his children and lavished money on them.

William Waring and Lavenia Crutchfield had eleven children—Sara Ann (May, 1828), Robert C. (August, 1831), William (December 24, 1833), Julia (July, 1835). These children were born in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The family then moved to Rochester, Beaver County, Pennsylvania in September 1836. They stopped for a short time in Pittsburgh. The next child, Malvina C. was born in Pennsylvania (May, 1837), Stapleton C. (February, 1839), Oscar Minor (November, 1840), Maria Louisa (August 25, 1842), David C. (April 5, 1845), Emily Virginia (May, 1847), Clara Lavinia (June, 1850). All reached their majority except Stapleton C., who died in childhood.

After living 15 years in Rochester, Pennsylvania, they moved to Allegheny City for a year and a half. From there they moved to Chicago in 1854 and William War-

ing I died of Cholera there that year. He was a business man from youth. He owned a schooner which plied between Washington, Alexandria City and Baltimore. He afterwards engaged in the grocery business in Fredericksburg and later the bakery business. When he reached Pittsburgh he engaged in general store keeping. In Rochester in general mercantile business, the largest in the place. Later he restricted his activity to a leather business and finally he manufactured soap and candles. In Allegheny he engaged in retail and wholesale grocery business in which he failed. He then removed to Chicago where he died in 1854 as stated above on July 11. He was one of the few colored men of fifty years ago who could go anywhere he wanted to go.

One of his children, Sara married William L. Waring, a second cousin, the son of David who was the son of Captain William Waring. Robert C. Waring married Mary Jane Gray. William Waring married Amanda F. Hill in Cass County, Michigan, August 27, 1857. Julie married Wylie Waldron in Oberlin, Ohio in April or May, 1855. Malvina married James A. Waring, a cousin in Oberlin, Ohio, in 1857. He also was the son of David Waring. He died at 51 in Columbus, Ohio on May 15, 1878. Oscar Minor married Fannie Hunter of Yellow Springs, Ohio in December, 1868. She died a few years afterward. He then married in Louisville, Kentucky, a Miss Adams, daughter of the Reverend Henry Adams, a teacher as well as minister. One of his sons, Oscar J. Waring, served for many years as the principal of the Sumner High School in St. Louis, Missouri and gave a good account of himself there. Maria Louisa married Noah Baker in Columbus, Ohio in 1867. They had two children, Maud C. and Lowell W. Lowell Baker, the son, became a superintendent of construction for the United States

Government, and built post offices, one in Youngstown, Ohio. Noah Baker died early and Maria Louisa, his widow, married T. J. Williamson. They had five children—Jennie C., Madge Louise, Annie D., Thomas J., and Walter W.

Jennie was educated in Columbus, Ohio, in the District of Columbia Public Schools, and at Howard University. She studied music, privately under Alice Strange Davis and taught in Washington. Madge Louise also studied at the Miner Normal School, taught in Washington and then married N. Wright Cuney. They had two children, N. Wright Cuney, Jr., who is a teacher of printing in the Phelps Vocational School and William Waring Cuney, a musician now attending Columbia University after having served in the Second World War with the rank of technical sergeant. Annie D. Williamson died in childhood. Thomas J. Williamson is in real estate business in Detroit, Michigan. Walter W. Williamson is a clerk in the United States Post Office in Chicago.

David C. Waring, the son William Waring and Lavenia (Crutchfield) married a white woman and lived in Coshocton, Ohio. His career thereafter is unknown. Emily Virginia married Philip R. Livingstone of Chicago, Illinois. Clara Lavenia married Benjamin DeBaptiste. Captain William Waring and Mother Vessels had another son named Henry who died early in life without marrying.

Arthur, the fourth son of Captain William Waring (by Mother Vessels) married Julia Hepburn in Alexandria, Virginia in 1832. He received a considerable fortune by this marriage. Utterly disgusted with America after traveling in Ohio and Canada, he left this country and settled in Haiti in 1835. There he engaged in business and as such was prominent in Port-au-Prince. The political convulsions of Haiti ruined him financially. He became a minister and combatted Catholicism in the "Island." He then went to Europe. He returned to the United States again in 1866

and in passing through Alexandria where he was married he contracted Cholera and died. His widow continued living in Haiti. One son remained in Haiti but the other son William Waring, who came to this country with his father in 1850, remained here and settled in Wauseon, Ohio. He married his first cousin Henrietta. She died in 1883. He moved to Detroit several years later and married Mary Williams, another first cousin. Maria, youngest daughter of Captain William Waring and Mother Vessels, married about 1824 a man named William Butler in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Shortly thereafter they moved to Washington where she died of Cholera. She had one child, William Butler, Jr. He went to Africa and was reported as still living on the West Coast about 1808. It is not clear what the connection is between these Warings and Colston Waring who came to Petersburg from Norfolk, Virginia about 1815 and went to Liberia about 1824 and served a short period as vice-agent of that colony. It was his daughter, Jane Rose Waring who became the second wife of Joseph Jenkins Roberts, the first president of Liberia.

David, the eldest son of Captain William Waring and Mother Vessels, married Mary Louisa Bannum the daughter of Dr. Bannum by a quadroon. Her father was an eminent physician. He recognized his mulatto children and remembered them in his will. He had another child, William Bannum who was a soldier in the War of 1812, having enlisted in a Kentucky regiment under Colonel Dick Johnson and fought in the famous battle of Thames. William Bannum died at an early age, and likewise Maria Louisa Bannum in 1832, when probably less than 45 years of age. David Waring and this Maria Louisa took his mother (Vessels) and moved from Essex County to Fredericksburg. There they stayed until 1829 and then moved to Ohio in the Bethlehem Township in Coshocton County. Maria Louisa died there in 1832. He lived on the

farm there until 1864 when he died at 80.

Elizabeth the oldest of David's children, married a man named Levi Foster. They moved to Canada about 1840 and had five children. She died in 1855 at about 41. Maria Louisa was still living on the farm in Ohio. Her youngest sister Mary lived there with her. They had not married prior to 1878, when this record was reported. Martha, a third daughter died on the old homestead after a long illness. Arthur, the youngest son also lived on the old homestead. He was not married at this time. Henrietta married William Waring the son of Arthur who had moved to Haiti but stayed here on a return visit. He was her cousin. William Lawson married also a cousin Sara, sister of William Waring III. David Waring the second son of David, married a German woman and lived in Coshocton County, Ohio. James S. Waring married Malvina, another sister of William Waring III. He died in 1878.

James S. Waring, a son of David Waring and a cousin of William Waring III, was a school teacher for twenty-five years in Springfield and Columbus, Ohio. Unsurpassed as a teacher, of unimpeachable character, a pure man in his manners and conversation, he exerted great personal influence for good.

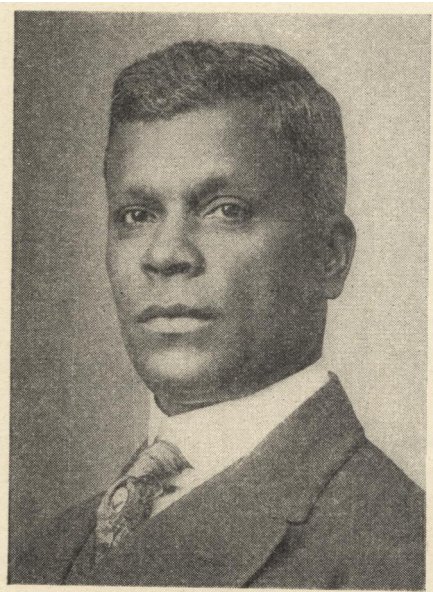
William III's wife was Amanda F. Hill, daughter of Henry Nelson Hill and Elizabeth Smith. Henry was the son of Dennis Hill. Dennis, her grandfather, was born in Richmond, Virginia about 1779. He had five or six brothers and sisters who lived to an advanced age. He and his brother James, tanners by trade, moved to Chillicothe and Piketon where they did a profitable business trading by flat boat on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, connecting with the cattle country. Dennis Hill married Polly Day, born in Botetourt County, Virginia in 1794. He had met her after she moved with her people to Ohio and married her about 1812. They were of mixed blood. They had eleven children, the oldest of whom,



MARIA L. WARING

Henry Nelson Hill, was the father of Amanda F. Hill, the wife of William Waring III. She was born December 17, 1834. Her husband met her at Niles, Michigan to which with most of his family Dennis Hill moved, taking to that place his widowed daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Smith, and her nine children.

William Waring III attended Oberlin, and finished law at Howard later in life. He began to teach



LOWELL W. BAKER, SR.

in Ohio as early as 1850, attained ordination as a minister in the Baptist Church, became chaplain of the 102nd Michigan Volunteers in 1862, pastored in Sandusky, Oberlin and Buffalo after the Civil War, functioned as a clerk in the Sixth Auditor's Office in Washington, D. C., from 1871 to 1899, and founded the Berean Baptist Church in this city. He served for fourteen years as a trustee of Howard University.

William Waring III and Amanda Fitz-Allen had seven children,

Charles Sumner (August 9, 1859), James Henry Nelson Waring (1861), Robert Louis, Lavinia, Hattie and Bert, who died in childhood and Alice Waring (Holmes). Robert Louis, educated in law at Howard, served as a policeman in Washington, married a woman lawyer and both practiced in New York City until about 1920 when he died. Lavinia was educated at the Miner Normal School, and served as a model teacher until her marriage to Dean L. B. Moore of Howard University. She died about



JAMES S. WARING AND MALVINA C. WARING



LOWELL W. BAKER, JR.



MALVINA C. WARING



JEANETTE C. WILLIAMSON



CAROL GRANGER



MAUD C. BAKER ON THE STEPS OF CHAMPION JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBUS, OHIO



JANE ROSE WARING ROBERTS, MRS. JOSEPH JENKINS ROBERTS, WIFE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA



MAUD C. BAKER AND HER STUDENTS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

1940. Alice was educated in dentistry at Howard, and practiced with Dr. Clifford Frye until she married J. Welfred Holmes, an attorney in Pittsburgh. She left one son J. Welfred Holmes, Jr., a product of the University of Pittsburgh where

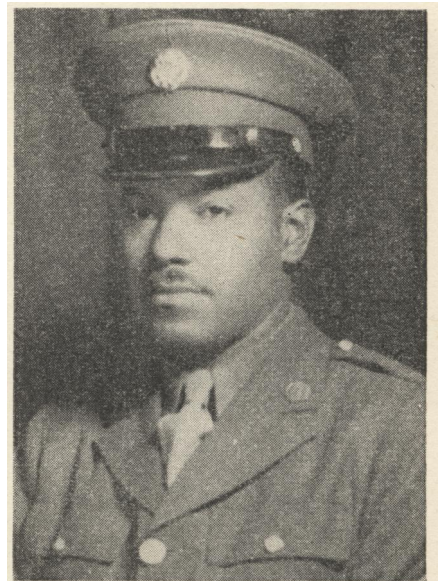
he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in English in 1944. He is now teaching in this field at the Morgan State College in Baltimore. Charles Sumner, the eldest of the children of William III, was educated at Howard in the Normal



DR. JAMES H. N. WARING WITH BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND OTHERS ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE IN BALTIMORE



THOMAS J. WILLIAMSON



WILLIAM WARING CUNEY



MADGE L. CUNEY



N. WRIGHT CUNEY, JR.

Department of the College and taught there until his death in 1878. He worked also at his trade of shoemaking. He was an intellectual man and a fine speaker. His father had greatest hope for him. He married Sara McDaniels who became an opera singer in Italy. This beloved son died December 1, 1868, leaving a boy three years old, Charles Sumner William Waring. This son died at an early age February 11, 1881. The untimely death of the father of this child caused



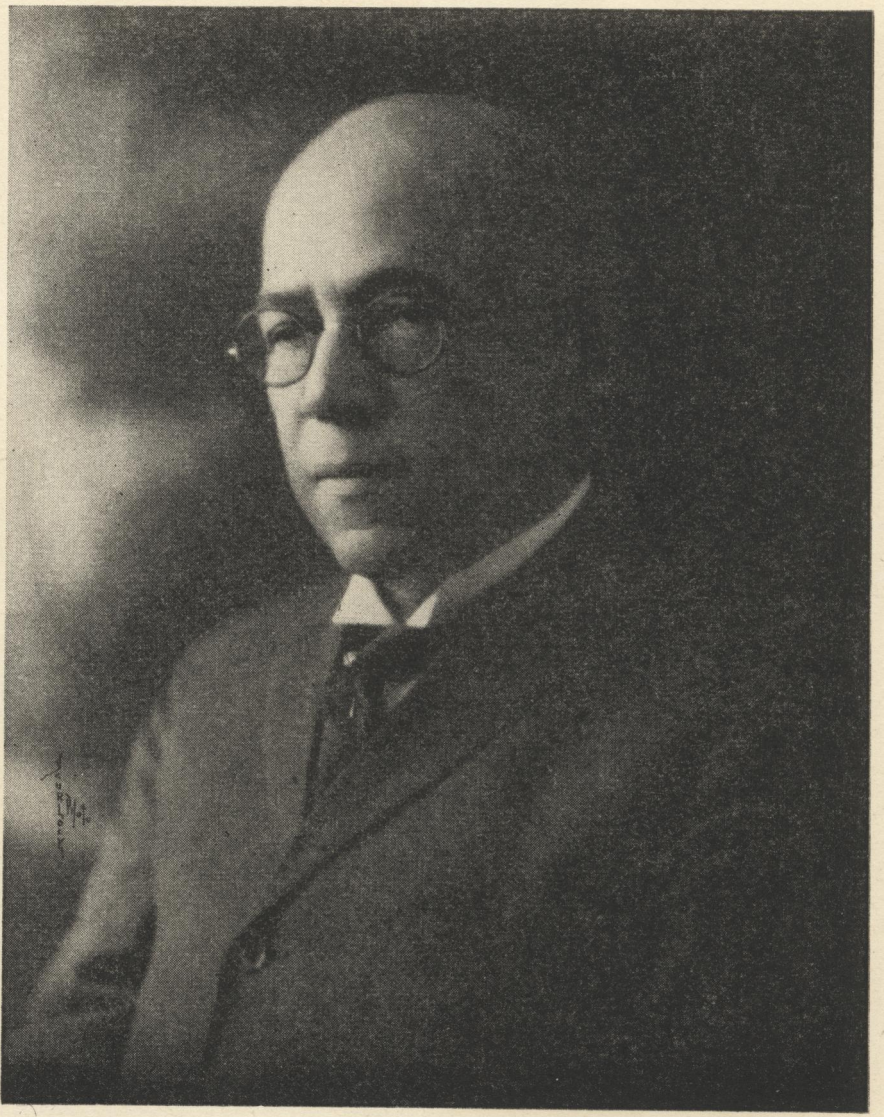
WALTER W. WILLIAMSON

William Waring III the deepest grief and despondency.

James Henry Nelson Waring, doubtless the most distinguished of this branch of the family was born in 1861 on a farm in Berrien County, Michigan. He was educated at Oberlin and at Howard University where he was graduated in medicine. He interned at Freedmen's Hospital. Although he did practice medicine in Washington, D. C., a numbers of years, his outstanding contribution was in the field of education. Not long after he entered upon the profession of teaching, he attracted attention as a man of sound scholarship, clear vision and administrative ability. He was soon promoted from one level to another until he became a

supervising principal of one of the divisions of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia. From this position he was called to serve as principal of the Colored High and Teacher Training School in Baltimore to succeed Hugh Browne.

His taking over of the principalship of the Baltimore school marked an epoch in the education of the Negroes of that city. For years after the Civil War the schools for the Negroes in Baltimore were manned by white principals, and at one time white teachers. In winning the victory for a higher function of the Negroes in the system serving them it was necessary to start out with administrators with such efficiency as to



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MRS. CARRIE BROWN WARING

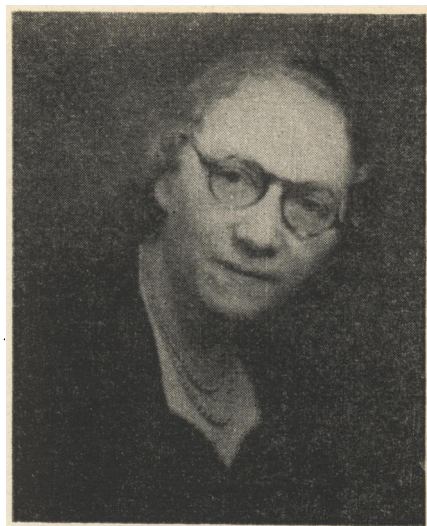
reflect credit upon the system. Dr. Waring was equal to this occasion. He not only administered the high school successfully but served unofficially as an advisor or supervisor directing the appointments and inspecting the work of Negro teachers of Baltimore in general. It is a matter of history today that the Baltimore schools have gone forward in building up the foundation then laid and now rank with the best in the land. Teachers, parents, and students who reflect today upon the work achieved in



JAMES H. N. WARING, JR.

those schools under Dr. Waring concede that his achievements constitute a long chapter in the history of education in that city.

Leaving the city of Baltimore to engage in the practice of medicine in Washington, D. C., Dr. Waring was not thus lost to the field of education. He was drawn into the work again in being called upon to serve as president of the King's Park School, Long Island, New York. He next resumed the practice of medicine at Hopkinton, Massachusetts. There his health was not so good, and for a change he accepted a call to the Downingtown Industrial School in Pennsyl-



ROBERTA WARING BOOKER



ROBERT LOUIS WARING WITH HIS NIECE, MARY WARING, READING THE PROOF ON HIS BOOK "AS WE SEE IT"

vania.

For twenty years Howard University was fortunate in having him at hand to play a conspicuous part as a member of its board of trustees. Knowing that his educational principles were sound and confiding in his good judgment, the members of the board of trustees of Howard University, most of whom were business and professional men rather than educators, relied upon his judgment in deliberating over the matters of educational administration. He was therefore an important factor in bringing Howard University through its difficult struggles to the more fortunate period after the First World War when friends and philanthropic agencies combined to reorganize the school as an accredited modern university.

Dr. Waring married Miss Carrie A. Brown of Washington, D. C., when both were teachers. They had seven children. Willie died in childhood. Roberta and Regendia, twins, became well known as teachers who taught successfully in Baltimore several years. Roberta married the Rev. Simeon S. Booker in 1916. They had four children. The oldest child died on reaching his majority. Simeon S. Booker, Jr., the second child, is now a newspaper man, Ray Cornish Booker is at present a student of Virginia Union University, Carolyn Louise, educated at Bennett College, is now engaged in the work of the Young Women's Christian Association.

James Henry Nelson Waring, Jr., only living son of Dr. Waring, was educated at New York University and Harvard. He taught German at Howard University a number of years and then became president of the Downingtown Industrial School in Pennsylvania as the successor of his father. This son's administration there has been very successful with the support of his companion Virginia (Ruffin) Waring. They have no children.

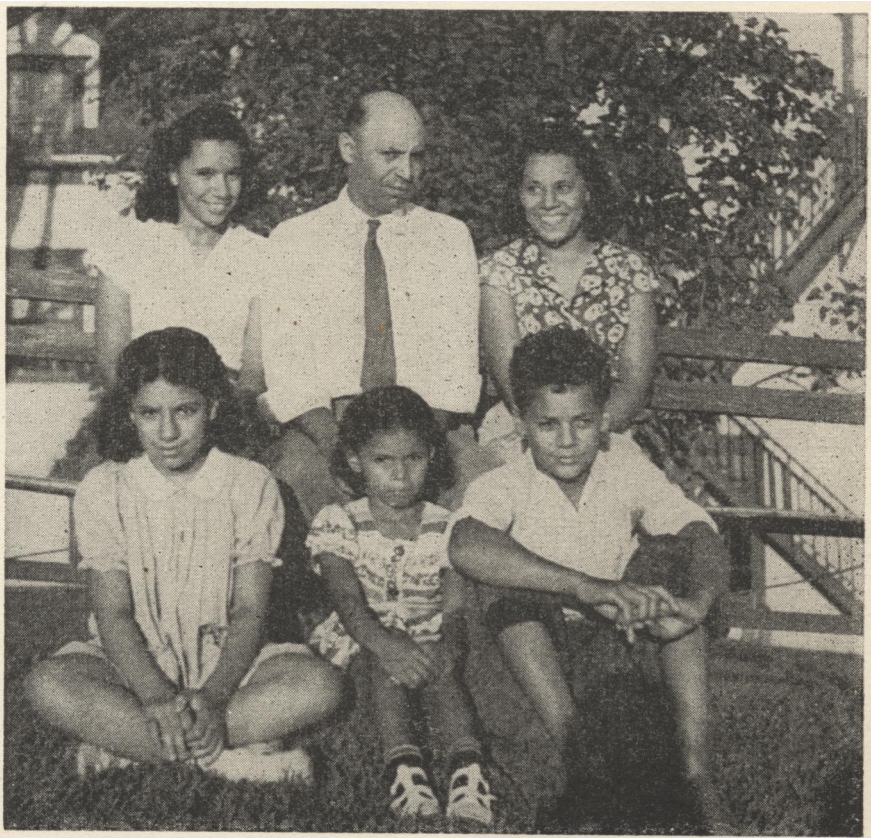
Dorothy Waring, a product of the Washington public schools, Howard and Columbia, taught successfully in the Washington Pub-



ROBERTA BOOKER AND REGENDIA WARING AMONG OTHER STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

lie Schools and then married Dr. William J. Howard of Washington, D. C., by whom she had one child, Carolyn Alverda, recently united in wed-lock with David M. French.

They have one child named Lynn. When Mrs. Howard married, however, and assumed the role of a house-keeper, she soon saw a crying community need which she finally



MARY WARING STEELE'S WIDOWER AND FAMILY





RAY WARING

contrived to meet. She began in 1929 a nursery which was so efficiently managed and produced such desirable results that it attracted nation-wide attention and brought her into fame as a woman of unusual merit and civic enterprise.

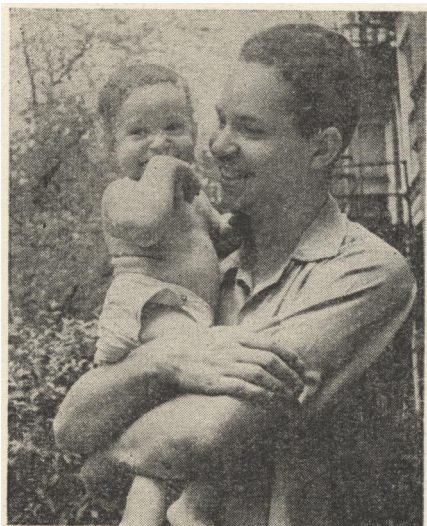
Mary, another daughter of Dr. Waring, was a product of the Washington Public Schools and of Howard University. She taught at Yonkers, New York, married Percy Steele in 1917 and died in 1934, leaving six children, Mary, Percy, Dorothy, James Waring, Annabelle and Hilda. Mary married Dr. Hackley Woodford and has two



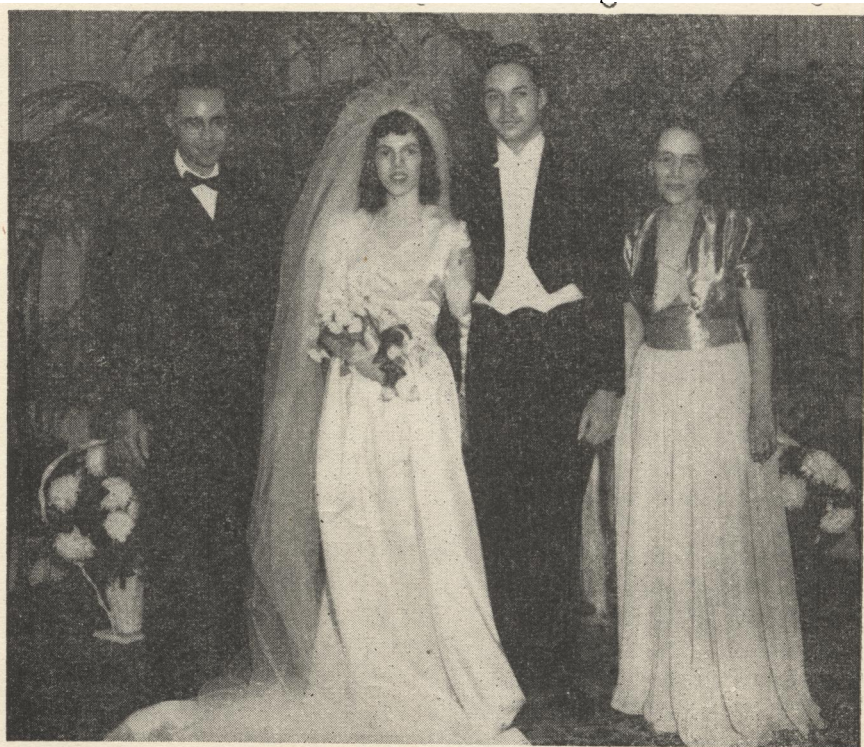
WEDDING BREAKFAST OF MARY STEELE AND DR. HACKLEY WOODFORD

children, John and Peggy. Dorothy married Shelton P. Granger, and they have two children, Carol and Catherine. James Waring Steele, although married has no children. Alfred, another son of Dr. James

H. N. Waring married Rachael Taylor of Harrisburg. He died in 1922, leaving two children, James H. N. Waring III, and Ray Waring now married to Fulton Lipscomb but without issue.



LYNN CAROL FRENCH AND HER FATHER, DAVID FRENCH



MARRIAGE OF CAROLYN HOWARD TO DAVID N. FRENCH WITH GROOM'S FATHER, MR. JOSEPH FRENCH, AND BRIDE'S MOTHER, MRS. DOROTHY HOWARD