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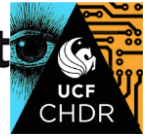
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Alonzo Gerard Roberts

1922 – 2018

Sergeant: United States Army

World War II

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PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	HOME DATA	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT	VETERANS	CENSUS DATA	
															SEX	AGE
1266	1 Davis, James C.	Head	R 25	W	46	19	70	20	Ohio	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	1
	2 Mary B.	Wife		F	45	21	70	20	Ohio	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	2
	3 Bertha A.	Daughter		F	18	5	70	20	Ohio	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	3
	4 Cecil, Henry W.	Head	O 1500	W	61	5	70	20	Virginia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	4
	5 Hardy, Harold B.	Head	O 1500	W	27	21	70	20	Virginia	English	U.S. born	Carpenter	Construction	6621	W	70
	6 Hazel B.	Wife		F	24	18	70	20	Massachusetts	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	6
	7 William L.	Head	O 6000	W	72	57	70	20	Massachusetts	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	7
	8 Alice H.	Wife		F	49	17	70	20	Virginia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	8
	9 Ray, Newton	Head	O 7000	W	48	21	70	20	North Carolina	English	U.S. born	Carpenter	Construction	6621	W	70
	10 Betty	Wife		F	24	18	70	20	North Carolina	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	10
	11 Albert H.	Head	O 3000	W	44	25	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	11
	12 Phillip, John D.	Head	O 3000	W	24	18	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	12
	13 Maudie	Wife		F	24	18	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	13
	14 Brooking, Robert	Head	O 2000	W	24	18	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	Care labor	Construction	6621	W	70
	15 Maudie	Wife		F	24	18	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	15
	16 Albert J.	Head		W	4	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	16
	17 Wallace S.	Head		W	7	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	17
	18 James C.	Head		W	8	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	18
	19 Myrtle E.	Wife		F	2	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	19
	20 Robert, Willie C.	Head	O 1000	W	14	6	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	Teacher	Construction	6621	W	70
	21 Helen C.	Wife		F	11	6	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	21
	22 Howard H. Jr.	Head		W	10	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	22
	23 Marie S.	Wife		F	8	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	23
	24 Alvin S.	Head		W	6	8	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	24
	25 Lynch, Richard	Head	O 2500	W	14	7	70	20	Virginia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	25
	26 James, Raymond	Head	R 10	W	22	21	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	Chauffeur	Private Family	3976	W	70
	27 Acworth	Wife		F	20	19	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	Chauffeur	Private Family	3976	W	70
	28 Orlin	Wife		F	15	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	28
	29 Hall, Robert R.	Head	O 1000	W	24	21	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	Handyman	Private Family	1114	W	70
	30 Willie S.	Wife		F	24	18	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	30
	31 Richard S.	Head		W	6	5	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	31
	32 Clyde W.	Head		W	8	5	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	32
	33 Willie	Head		W	2	5	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	33
	34 Johnson, Samuel S.	Head	R 6	W	25	23	70	20	Virginia	English	U.S. born	Laborer	Common	7879	W	70
	35 Alice M.	Wife		F	17	19	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	35
	36 Nathaniel	Head		W	3	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	36
	37 Mary S.	Wife		F	1	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	37
	38 Nathaniel	Head		W	4	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	38
	39 William	Head	O 1000	W	35	21	70	20	Mississippi	English	U.S. born	Laborer	Self Course	1874	W	70
	40 Guy L.	Wife		F	31	17	70	20	Mississippi	English	U.S. born	Landowner	Self Course	1576	W	70
	41 William Jr.	Head		W	5	5	70	20	Mississippi	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	41
	42 Brock	Head		W	3	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	42
	43 Mack	Head		W	3	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	43
	44 Mack	Head		W	4	5	70	20	Florida	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	44
	45 Sanders, Mitchell	Head	O 1200	W	27	25	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	Merchant	Construction	6621	W	70
	46 Mary	Wife		F	25	23	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	Cook	Private Family	6626	W	70
	47 Sylvia, Robert S.	Head	O 600	W	27	25	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	Laborer	Self Course	1568	W	70
	48 Sandy	Wife		F	25	23	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	None	None	None	70	48
	49 Lucinda B.	Wife		F	7	5	70	20	Georgia	English	U.S. born	Construction	Construction	6621	W	70

1930 United States Census

“1930 United States Federal Census,” database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2024), entry for Alonzo G Roberts, Winter Park, Florida.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/103296111:6224>

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Riney Hubert G (Margt) plstr r14 Norton av
 Riney Norma waiter r1210 S Westmoreland dr
 Ringer Glenn (Dorothy) hlpr Fla San & Hosp r2615 Cornell
 Ringler Harold driver Gregory J Walsh r Jama Jo
 Rinker Frances K Mrs shopper Y-DCo h914 W Smith av
 Rinker Werley C (Frances K) bkpr Wal-Coc Co h914 W Smith av
 Ripley Cecelia Mrs r402 Highland
 Ripley Walter J (Addie) r1736 Kuhl av
 Rippey Anna (wid Grove) h3685 Midiron dr (WP)
**RIPPEY KERMIT D (Jonibel), Sec-Treas Yowell-Drew Co, h1614 E
 Livingston av, Tel 4809**
 Risby Ada (c) waiter Napoleon Miller
 Risby Haywood (c) chaufr r238 S Bryan
 Rish Lucile student r1500 Grand av
 Rish Oliver W (Mattie C) plmbr h1500 Grand av
 Risley Mary C Mrs r218 E Livingston av
 Ristig Marion N Mrs r305 E Church
 Ritich Mabel Mrs with Rollins College h210 E Morse blvd apt 4 (WP)
 Ritchie Lottie r166 E Jackson
 Ritchie Wm C (Mary E) r1109 W Yale av
 Riteway Shoe Shop (Edw J Kuhn) reprs 238 N Orange av
 Ritmon Christina (c) maid r534 Long
 Ritmon Peter (c; Christina) cook r534 Long
 Rittenhouse Olive Mrs r2424 E Central av
 Ritter Arth E (Velma) chf clk ACLRR h517½ Hillcrest av
 Ritter Grace r618 E Central av
 Ritzte Alberta r426 E Jackson
 Ritzl Frances Mrs with Rollins College h1834 Gerda ter
 Ritzl Paul A (Frances) bidr h1834 Gerda ter
 Rivenbark Melvin (Kate) r64 W Concord av
 Rivenbark Melvin W (Jessie L) bottler h1226 Nebraska av
 Rivers Bessie L Mrs h2906 Sanitarium av
 Rivers Chas (c; Alice) lab h726 Carter
 Rivers Dolores Mrs cash Morgan's Inc r711 E Amelia av
 Rivers Emma (c) indrs h1033 Polk av
 Rivers Hal N sta atndt Saml S Jones jr r711 E Amelia av
 Rivers Jos (c; Inez) wood ctr Alex McCoy h114 McQuigg
 Rivers Lizzie M (c) maid 527 N Hyer
 Rivers Lonnie (c) lawn wkr r36 N Bryan
 Rivers R Peter rep r715½ Glendonjo dr
 Rivers Wilbert (c; Nadine) lab r434 S Division
 Rizer Henry (c; Martha) lab City Sanitary Dept h42 N Parramore
 Roach Elbert L slsmn Colonial Mattress Co r218 W Central
 Roadman John W (Genevieve E) carp h1918 Jewell av (WP)
 Roath Donald B (Chloe) slsmn h1510 E Jefferson
 Robards Mose D r625 W Winter Park av
 Robbins Albert E (Jane E) h638 Putnam
 Robbins Andrew J carp h546 Lake
 Robbins Edwin B (Cora A) h303 E Livingston av
 Robbins Irving L (Florence M) driver h902 Pine Grove av
 Robbins Mary nurse Orange Genl Hosp r1401 S Orange av
 Robbins Milton h311 Liberty apt 3
 Robbins Warren C B (Florence L) r217 S Rosalind av
 Roberson Cullen E pntr r2012 W Jackson
 Roberson Danl barber Burnett H Thornton r117 N Eola dr
 Roberson Eliz (wid Louis L) h2012 W Jackson
 Roberson Frank city policeman r431 Boone
 Roberson G Thos (Ophelia) linemn SBT&TCo h222 E King av
 Roberson Geo R atndt Roberson Service Station r RD 3 Box 822
 Roberson Jas L (Ethel A; Roberson Service Station) h115 E Harvard av
 Roberson John L r425 S Hughey
 Roberson Julian r115 E Harvard av
 Roberson Lyda M Mrs sten Central Title & Trust Co r20 N Eola dr
 Roberson Mattie (wid Chas C) h723 Lucerne ter
 Roberson Mildred nurse maid 407 Peachtree rd
 Roberson Roscoe (Joyce) clk Dansby's Pharmacy r426 E Jackson
 Roberson Service Station (Jas L Roberson) filling sta 303 N Orange av
 Roberson Wm E pntr r2012 W Jackson
 Robert & Co Inc Robt E Irvin res mar archts 1 N Orange av R1000
 Roberts Albert driver Herman W Wood r Vineland rd RD
 Roberts Albert W (Frances W) state agt Phoenix Insurance Co h1606
 Lancaster Shore dr
 Roberts Alonzo (c) lab r841 W Swoope av (WP)
 Roberts Amos S (Bessie) slsmn Gulf Oil Corp h822 19th
 Roberts Amy (c) maid h409 Chapman

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1940 Orlando City Directory

“U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2024), entry for Alonzo Roberts, Orlando, Florida.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/666281583:2469>

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
N. 82	Alonzo Gerard Roberts <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	7-11917

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
841 Swoop Ave., Winter Park, Orange, Florida
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Route 1, Box 11, Winter Park, Florida
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
	19	Winter Park <small>(Town or county)</small>
	DATE OF BIRTH	Florida <small>(State or country)</small>
	Oct. 29, 1922 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Willie Candis Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 11, Winter Park, Fla.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Leanord Johns, Winter Park, Florida

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
1084 Eben Holden Drive Winter Park, Orange, Florida
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42) (over) e16-21630-3

Alonzo Roberts
(Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
	EYES	HAIR		
White	5' 7 1/2"	140	Sallow	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light	
	Gray	Red	Ruddy	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Dark	
	Brown	Black	Freckled	
Indian	Black	Gray	Light brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Bald	Dark brown	
Filipino			Black	

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification:
none

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:
none to my knowledge

John E. Hall
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board **2** *Orange Fla*
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *June 30, 1942*

LOCAL BOARD NO. 2
ORANGE COUNTY
130 PARK AVENUE
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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Alonzo Roberts World War II Draft Card

“U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2024), entry for Alonzo Gerard Roberts, Winter Park, Florida.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12360281:2238>

Name	Alonzo G Roberts
Race	Negro (Black)
Marital Status	Single, with dependents (Single)
Rank	Private
Birth Year	1922
Nativity State or Country	Florida
Citizenship	Citizen
Residence	Orange, Florida
Education	2 years of high school
Enlistment Date	9 Feb 1943
Enlistment Place	Camp Blanding, Florida
Service Number	34543062
Branch	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Component	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
Source	Civil Life
Height	67
Weight	133

World War II Enlistment Record

“U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2024), entry for Alonzo G Roberts, Orange County, Florida.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/654733:8939>

FLORIDA STATE POPULATION CENSUS, 1945

PRECINCT No. 26 NAME Winters Park, Fla COUNTY Orange RACE Blk

NAME	ADDRESS	SEX	AGE		PLACE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION
			Male	Female			
Roberts, Willie	841 <u>Suzanne</u>	M		43	Fla	College	None
Hardy, Fred	" "	M		28	"	10	Member of
" Helen	" "	F		27	"	10	Housewife
Roberts, Alonzo	" "	M		20	"	9	Army
" Mercedes	" "	F		23	"	College	Professor
Richardson, Annie	831 "	F		23	"	3	Construction
" Elizabeth	" "	F		18	"	6	Housewife
" Stella	" "	F		48	Fla	3	Child
Williams, Elsie	845 "	F		35	"	6	Banking
" Ethel	" "	F		18	"	5	Banking
" Martha	" "	F		20	"	5	Navy
" Charles	" "	M		34	Fla	8	Smithsonian
Blaine, Frank	855 "	M		35	"	2	Construction
" Joe	" "	M		16	"	9	Student
Hompson, Amos	" "	M		61	Fla	4	None
Loughead, Joe	857 "	M		57	Fla	5	Housewife
" Bessie	" "	F		48	Fla	6	Farmer
Widdow, Neil	866 "	M		31	"	4	Engineer
" Ruby	" "	F		13	"	7	Student
" James	" "	M		54	Fla	0	Plumbing
Simmons, James	413 <u>Capron</u>	M		44	"	4	Housewife
" Rosalind	" "	F		17	"	5	Construction
" Harold	" "	M		15	"	7	None
" Mary	" "	F		12	"	3	Student
" Margaret	" "	F		11	"	5	Construction
Fennell, Lester	521 "	M		35	Fla	8	Mail
" Mattie	" "	F		30	Fla	8	None
Brownson, Julius	841 <u>Capron</u>	M		60	Fla	1	None
" Fannie	" "	F		58	Fla	7	Housewife
" Fannie	" "	F		40	"	7	Health
Cooper, Alice	" "	F		40	"	6	Citizen
" LeRoy	" "	M		16	"	6	None
Blawie, Maudie	" "	F		15	"	4	None
" Margaret	" "	F		2	"		Child
Madder, Betty Jean	" "	F		1	"		Child
Blawie, Sylvia	" "	F		32	"	11	None
Jones, Bernice	815 "	F		15	"	11	Student
" Ottilie	" "	F		37	"	9	None
" Violet	" "	F		40	"	5	Construction
Thomas, Roy	738 "	M		45	"	8	Construction
Horton, Johnnie	730 "	M		53	Fla	College	Minister
" Wilbert	726 "	M		38	Fla	10	Housewife
" Bernice	" "	F		27	Fla	10	Army
" Leonard	" "	M		21	"	0	Citizen
Blackshear, Harry	636 "	M		30	Fla	6	Laundry
" Adeline	" "	F		29	Fla	9	Construction
Hamm, Johnny	" "	M		19	"	10	Construction
" Phannie	" "	F		14	"	8	Student
Blackshear, Freddie	" "	M		12	"	5	"
" Charlotte	" "	F		10	"	3	"

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1945 Florida State Census

“Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945,” database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed April 13, 2024), entry for Alonzo Roberts, Orange County, Florida.

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" Ralph D (Jessie E) skate rm mgr Col-iseum h1569 Clay
Robbins see also Robins
" Albert E (Jane E) h638 Putnam
" Andrew J h546 Lake
" Estelle r638 Putnam
" Josephine T Mrs tel opr SBT&T r2356 N Keystone dr
Robens H Lens (Lens Robens Studios) r 731 Lucerne ter
" Lens Studios (H Lens Robens) photos 224 S Orange av
Roberson see also Robertson Robeson Robinson Robison and Robson
" Chas Q lab City r1701 E South
" Donald (Sue) atndt John H Carstens r317 E Pine
" Dorothy M slswn Thos J Baynham r 2137 Oglesby (WP)
" Dorsey L (Willa M) driver Gentile Pkg Hse r2137 Oglesby av
" Eliz (wid Danl D) h1504 Minnesota av
" G Thos (Ophelia G) bldg constr SBT &T h222 E King
" Geo R (Lorraine G) atndt Taylor's Serv Sta h1603 Kuhl av
" Jas L (Ethel) servmn Orange Buick h 115 E Harvard av
" Lewis S (c; Willie M) h906 Federal av
" Lydia M Mrs scientific aid US Dept Agrl r419 Magnolia
" Mattie E (wid Chas) h723 Lucerne ter apt 1
" Maycell slswn Sou Dime Stores r RD 3
" Otis emp Orlando Venetian Blind r Pinecastle
" Virdell (c; Annie) jan Speed Sprayer r1038 W Jefferson
" Wm R (Edna) genl contr rear 6 S Dollins h do
Roberts Albert W (Frances W) genl agt Phoenix Conn Group Ins h956 Lancaster dr
" Alf wtchmn Datson Dairies r RD 3
" Alonzo (c) cook Mr A K Hutchins r 841 W Swope av (WP)
" Alwyn W agt Peninsular Life Ins r Lockhart
" Amos S (Bessie) truck driver Gulf Oil h822 19th av
" Amy (c) h408 Chapman
" Annie L slswn McCrory's r1490 Grand
" Belford (c; Dessie) jan h729 Dunbar ct apt 3
" Boots opr SBT&T r822 19th av
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Robbins, Kenneth Lowell	Orange	1952	1395	19570	Edwards, Leroy	Pinellas	1952	1372	8262
Robbins, Lloyd R.	Dade	1952	1384	14484	Edwards, Lester B.	Broward	1952	1364	4155
Robbins, Mary Ruth	Escambia	1952	1397	20987	Edwards, Lillian Deloyce	Hillsboro	1952	1357	911
Robbins, Martie	Bay	1952	1400	22101	Edwards, Louis Marcellus	Collier	1952	1360	2034
Robbins, Milton Edwen	Lake	1952	1381	12612	Edwards, Lowell Eugene	Polk	1952	1382	13403
Robbins, Nathalie Jurden	Polk	1952	1377	10605	Edwards, Lucille	Osceola	1952	1367	5635
Robbins, Richard Allen	Highlands	1952	1402	23018	Edwards, Luther	Hamilton	1952	1398	21055
Robbins, Sherril	Dade	1952	1397	20518	Edwards, Mable	Volusia	1952	1363	3978
Robbins, Thomas Harold	Collier	1952	1369	6560	Edwards, Marjorie	Pinellas	1952	1387	15649
Robbins, Vera Agnes	Polk	1952	1363	3742	Edwards, Martha	Jefferson	1952	1362	3115
Robbins, William Leslie	Duval	1952	1389	16797	Edwards, Martha R.	Dade	1952	1401	22615
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Roberson, Arthur	Brevard	1952	1373	8776	Edwards, Matthew	Alachua	1952	1364	4045
Roberson, Austin Garland	Hillsboro	1952	1409	26765	Edwards, Melinese	Orange	1952	1395	19565
Roberson, Charles William	Volusia	1952	1373	8630	Edwards, Nellie Mae	Highlands	1952	1370	7422
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Roberson, Clyde Curtis	Escambia	1952	1401	22911	Edwards, Norma Beatrice	Orange	1952	1386	15361
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Roberson, Frank	Broward	1952	1383	13983	Edwards, R. E.	Hardee	1952	1361	2830
Roberson, Frank U.	Duval	1952	1380	12008	Edwards, Richard	Dade	1952	1356	260
Roberson, Gladys Irene	Orange	1952	1407	25819	Edwards, Robert	Jefferson	1952	1366	5319
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Roberson, Hilra B.	Dade	1952	1370	7041	Edwards, Roger H.	Dade	1952	1379	11604
Roberson, James C.	Dade	1952	1360	2213	Edwards, Rutha Mae	Gadsden	1952	1389	16980
Roberson, James Lee	Hamilton	1952	1361	2821	Edwards, Sherwood O.	Dade	1952	1405	24669
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Roberson, Joy McBane	Palm Beach	1952	1376	10394	Edwards, Theo Russell	Hillsboro	1952	1371	7632
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Roberson, Patricia Ann	Hillsboro	1952	1409	26738	Edwards, Thomas J.	Dade	1952	1360	2077
Roberson, Thelma Mae	Orange	1952	1376	10193	Edwards, Vera Mae	Broward	1952	1359	1925
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Robert, Gaston	Dade	1952	1369	6678	Edwards, Walter T.	Pinellas	1952	1367	5833
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Roberts, Annie Mae Josephine	Polk	1952	1382	13494	Efronson, Sidney	Pinellas	1952	1409	26854
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Roberts, Arthur Francis	Hillsboro	1952	1406	25244	Egan, Eugenia C.	Hillsboro	1952	1398	21236
Roberts, Ben	Manatee	1952	1376	10076	Egan, Thomas W.	Monroe	1952	1398	21468
Roberts, Bill B.	Duval	1952	1361	2542	Egbert, Virginia L.	Dade	1952	1404	24364
Roberts, Blanche	Franklin	1952	1365	4956	Egellie, Alfred	Dade	1952	1360	2226
Roberts, Bobby	Citrus	1952	1369	6546	Egalston, Benjamin	Pinellas	1952	1387	15601
						Pinellas	1952	1395	19838

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Marriage to Melinese Edwards

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Alonzo Attends Brother Howard's Wedding as Best Man

Beatrice Richardson, "Winter Park Happenings," *Orlando Sentinel*, February 13, 1956.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/237261430/?match=1&clipping_id=144820575

Transcription:

(The first section of the article concerns a party hosted by one Viola Ellis, which "Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Roberts" attended the same day as Roberts' brother's wedding.)

"MARRIAGE TOLD—Dr. Howard A. Roberts, son of Mrs. W. C. Roberts was married to Miss Geraldine Douglas Feb. 4 at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

Alonzo Roberts was best man for his brother.

Those who accompanied his mother to Jacksonville for the wedding from Winter Park were Mrs. Beatrice Ferebee, James Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Roberts and son, Mrs. A. E. Lester, Mrs. B. Sterling Richardson, Mrs. and Mrs. J. N. Crooms, Sanford, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jenkins, Daytona Beach.

The bride and bridegroom motored to Winter Park after the wedding and were entertained at the home of the bridegroom's mother. They left Sunday night for Tallahassee where they will make their home."



Civic Club Meets

The Golden Arms Social Club held its regular meeting Dec. 23 at the Hannibal Library. This club is composed of young Winter Park men and their aim is to assist in any way they can in the social and civic happenings of Winter Park. Left to right, members of the club are, back row: John Daniels, director of public relations; Leroy Black; Jerry Head; and James

Perkins, chaplain. Front row: Fred Alexander, recording secretary; Hayward Ball 2d; Alonzo Roberts, treasurer; George Scott, business manager; and James Chandler, president. Not shown are Ellis Zanders, vice president; Charles Bryant, Clark Perkins and William Felders.

Alonzo Attends Civics Club Meeting

“Civic Club Meets,” *Orlando Sentinel*, December 30, 1957

Alonzo Attends Sister Mexcye's Birthday Party

"Family Has Reunion On Holiday," *Orlando Sentinel*, January 6, 1958.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/222378267/?match=9&clipping_id=143890964

Transcription:

"A birthday party was held for Mrs. Mexcye Ray on Dec. 23 at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. C. Roberts. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Roberts, Mrs. Beatrice Ferebee, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Richardson and Bruce Sanders. The honored guest was presented gifts and treated to a fresh ham dinner. Games followed the dinner."

(Other events in the remainder of the article include Alonzo's step-sister visiting their mother and his brother Howard, as well as Alonzo's wife Melinese spending time with his sister Mexcye.)

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Alonzo's 1966 School Bus Driver Routes for Glenridge High

“Glenridge Junior High Bus Schedules Listed,” *Orlando Evening Star*, August 25, 1966.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/290440801/?match=1&clipping_id=144819365

Transcription:

“Glenridge Junior High School bus schedules have been set as follows...”

(The bus routes of several drivers are listed before it lists Roberts' routes.)

“BUS 138—ALONZO ROBERTS, DRIVER.

Penn Avenue and Lyman 8 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Glenridge Junior High 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.”

Alonzo's 1967 School Bus Driver Routes for Glenridge High

“Glenridge Pupils Now Registering,” *The Orlando Sentinel*, August 27, 1967.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/224149835/?match=1&clipping_id=145483552

Transcription:

“...Glenridge Junior High School bus schedules have been set as follows...”

(Much like the corresponding article from the previous year, the bus routes of several drivers are listed before it lists Roberts' route.)

“BUS 138—ALONZO ROBERTS, DRIVER

Lyman and Pennsylvania

7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Willie Roberts (Alonzo's Mother) Obituary

“Obituaries,” *Orlando Sentinel*, December 28, 1994.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/231606411/?article=8a99109d-af3b-46c5-97c1-eb5cee379f51>

Transcription:

“WILLIE CANDIS ROBERTS, 94, 841 W. Swoope Ave., Winter Park, died Saturday, Dec. 24 of heart failure. Mrs. Roberts was a retired housekeeper. Born in Maitland, she was a lifelong Central Florida resident. She was a member of Ward Chapel AME Church and Key Chain Club. Survivors; son, Alonzo G., Winter Park; daughters, Helen C. Hardt, Hyannis, Mass., Mexcye E. Ray, Winter Park; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Golden's Funeral Home, Winter Park.”

Alonzo Featured in Article About Hannibal Square

Michael McLeod and Sherri M. Owens, "A New Hannibal Square," *Orlando Sentinel*, March 19, 2000.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/235683422/?terms=Alonzo%20Roberts>

Transcription:

(The article is several pages long; it discusses the development of the Hannibal Square neighborhood in Winter Park, and how the historically black community is being slowly altered by the encroachment of new homes and businesses. Alonzo Roberts is featured on the final page of the article.)

"Just across the street from Dexter's is another one of the few remaining bastions of the old neighborhood. Alonzo Roberts and James Chandler run a barbershop at the corner of New England and Pennsylvania. Through their wraparound, picture windows, they see it all, looking out onto Shady Park on one side of the street, Dexter's on the other.

The men have been partners for more than 40 years, all of it spent cutting hair in Hannibal Square. They've seen the Big C come and go. They've battled with Bellows, who offended them by suggesting a shoeshine stand be placed outside their door, a remark they took as a racial slur. Their shop is decorated with a picture of Martin Luther King, a poster of Allen Iverson and a depiction of the last supper in which Jesus Christ and all the apostles are black.

Neither one of them has plans to walk across the street for lunch at Dexter's anytime soon.

"Not my cup of tea," says Chandler, who filed an unsuccessful lawsuit charging that the city and Bellows were in a conspiracy to drive blacks out of Hannibal Square, "Not my poison."

Roberts puts the finishing touches on a young man's fade. He looks out the picture window and tries to think of something positive to say.

"The way it is now, it looks nice," he concedes. "But it's not Hannibal Square anymore."

Alonzo Featured in Article About Gentrification

Lydia Polgreen, "Upscale Changes Threaten Diversity," *Orlando Sentinel*, April 8, 2002.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/270122263/?match=1&clipping_id=143894478

Transcription:

"WINTER PARK—From his barbershop on Pennsylvania Avenue, Alonzo Roberts has a lonely view of the city's newly redesigned Shady Park. Down the street from his modest Swoope Avenue home, a brand new house that will sell for nearly \$200,000 is rising from ground that hasn't been built on in more than a generation.

You'd think Roberts would be happy about the nascent rebirth of the neighborhood he has called home for all of his 79 years. But both the revamped park and new home are part of a trend that worries him.

"A lot of the old folks are leaving the neighborhood," Roberts said, leaning back in one of his shop's antique barber chairs. "If they go, I'll have to go, too."

The fear that commercial and upscale residential development will force out residents of the city's historically black west side has mobilized a loose coalition of people who are working to protect its history and ensure its future as a diverse community..."

(The article is continued on a later page that can be found below.)



ANGELA PETERSON/ORLANDO SENTINEL

In Winter Park. Alonzo Roberts gives Troy Harris, 10, a trim. Roberts has cut hair at his Pennsylvania Avenue barbershop for 60 years but worries that upscale development will force black businesses out.

Historic black area is prime real estate

WEST SIDE FROM A1

graphic history of the neighborhood, and a group of Rollins College professors and students are boycotting some of the new west-side businesses as a way to protest the gentrification of the neighborhood.

Across Winter Park, the battle to preserve the west side has prompted soul-searching and debate over whether the city will remain diverse or become a place where only the wealthy can afford to live.

"It's something that really seems to stand for a lot of what's happening in Winter Park as a whole," said Lisa Tillmann-Healy, a professor of communications at Rollins.

The gentrification of the neighborhood has been building over the past several years as upscale businesses moved in to replace run-down buildings in the business district known as Hannibal Square. And as commercial development on the city's historically black west side reaches critical mass and new housing projects get underway, people who live on the other side of the city's railroad tracks feel a mix of hope tinged with anxiety.

Their once-downtrodden neighborhood has become prime real estate for this affluent city with few other places to grow.

"The \$400,000 homes on the other side of the tracks could be coming over here," Roberts said.

The city is trying to help soften the inevitable effects of the free market, using its Community Redevelopment Agency to build affordable rental housing and new homes on the west side, which is predominantly black.

"It has become clear that we need to provide rental residential units that can be kept affordable for a long time into the

future," said Donald Martin, the city's planning director.

But the new homes the redevelopment agency is building will cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000, far above the \$80,000 value of the average west-side home and putting them out of reach for current residents. Martin hopes the children and grandchildren of west-side residents who may live elsewhere will think of giving the old neighborhood a try. But ultimately, he said, the market will decide what the homes are worth.

"You can work to keep the initial price affordable, but eventually market forces take over, and those prices will respond to the market," Martin said.

The prospect of million-dollar mansions replacing the simple wood-frame houses typical to the west side has caught the attention of people across the city who are worried that the city's black neighborhood will become an extension of tony Park Avenue. The demise of the west side as a black neighborhood, some residents say, would spell the end of diversity in Winter Park.

The 2000 U.S. census tract that largely makes up the west side is more than two-thirds black. In all, the black population of this city of 24,000 is just slightly more than 10 percent.

"The neighborhood has already lost much of what's historic in it," said Peter Schreyer, a Winter Park photographer and director of the Crealde School of Art. Schreyer is working with the photo and oral-history project that will collect remnants of the old west side before it disappears forever. Throughout the 1990s, Schreyer documented life on the west side, and through his camera lens, he has seen the communi-

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Lydia Polgreen, "Historic Black Area is Prime Real Estate," *Orlando Sentinel*, April 8, 2002.

Nonresidents join heritage battle

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At the first Heritage Day in January residents brought yellowing photographs that depict the neighborhood as it once was — an all-black mix of poor and working-class families.

"People have family portraits from 1930s and 40s, pictures of kids walking through unpaved streets," Schreyer said.

Historians interviewed residents about the photographs and made copies of them. Two more Heritage Day events are planned before organizers compile the photographs and oral histories into an exhibit to be shown at the community center.

At Rollins College, a group of faculty and students are working on their own ways to help preserve the west side.

Some Rollins faculty were so angry with the way the city handled the renovation of Shady Park, when game tables favored by some residents were removed as a nuisance that

they are boycotting white-owned west-side businesses that advocated tearing out the tables. The battle over Shady Park crystallized the battle for the soul of the city's historically black neighborhood. It has sparked an intense debate and soul-searching on what kind of community Winter Park will be: an increasingly affluent, homogenous city of the wealthy or a mixed, heterogeneous community with room for everyone.

"The problem is when the real estate becomes so expensive folks can't live there anymore," said Bruce Stephenson, a professor of environmental studies at Rollins College who specializes in urban planning.

"For folks [who] have been living there for years, the value of homes and taxes go up so much, it becomes difficult for them to stay," he said. "Part of the problem is success of Winter Park and failure of the region — there are so few places that are well-designed and don't have gates on them."

Other neighborhoods of

Winter Park face the same pressures. In Stephenson's neighborhood off Lakemont Avenue and others across Winter Park, small houses are bulldozed to make room for mansions.

"It's a Catch-22," Stephenson said. "Every town wants real estate to appreciate in value, but here that appreciation in value is destroying neighborhoods. It's a difficult problem across the city, and it's obviously worse on the west side."

For Roberts, who has cut hair on Hannibal Square for six decades, that market is both friend and foe. He is glad to see the neighborhood improve, but if commercial rents get too high, he won't be able to keep his shop open. If residential rents get too high, he'll lose most of his customers.

"I'm a black barber," he said. "I cut black hair. If there are no black heads in this community, I'm through."

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Lydia Polgreen, "Nonresidents Join Heritage Battle," *Orlando Sentinel*, April 8, 2002.

Melinese Roberts (Alonzo's Wife) Obituary

“Obituaries, Services, Memorials,” *Orlando Sentinel*, August 30, 2012.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/268148007/?match=1&article=8edc3e5f-18ec-46ca-be4f-aac99980d9e3>

Transcription:

“M. ROBERTS, ELINESE S. EDWARDS, of Winter Park passed away on August 23, 2012. Melinese retired from the City of Winter Park Police Department with over 40 years of public service and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 64. Melinese was a lifelong member of Ward Chapel AME Church of Winter Park. She served as President of the Voices of Ward Choir for approximately 35 years. She was a member of the Steward Board, past member of the Rosa Coleman Usher board; member of the Pulpit Aid Board; Sunday School and Bible Class member and a member of the Ideal Woman's Club of Winter Park, FL. Melinese leaves to cherish her memory: husband Alonzo Gerard Roberts; son Kevin Alonzo Roberts; daughter Mexcye Candis Roberts; sisters Mamie Frances Freeman, Geraldine Simmons; brothers Theophalis Simmons (Dora), Leondrous Simmons (Hazel), Curtis Simmons (Mattie); sister-in-law Mexcye E. Ray and a host of relatives and friends. The viewing will be from 6-8PM Friday, August 31, 2012 at Golden's Funeral Home located at 210 N. Penn. Avenue, Winter Park, FL. Funeral services will be held at 12PM on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at Ward Chapel AME Church located at 160 S. Penn. Avenue, Winter Park, FL, 32789.”

Article on Alonzo's Wife Melinese

Jon Busdeker, "She Patrolled Park Avenue With A Smile," *Orlando Sentinel*, September 2, 2012.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/268119863/?terms=mexcye%20roberts&match=1&clipping_id=65814978

Transcription:

"Stay too long in a spot along Park Avenue in Winter Park, and Melinese Roberts would be there to issue a parking citation.

A longtime fixture on the city's iconic street, Roberts, a parking-enforcement officer who patrolled the downtown area in a three-wheeled vehicle, spent 40 years with the Police Department.

"She loved that job," said her daughter, Mexcye Roberts of Winter Park. "She did it with a smile."

Roberts, of Winter Park, died Aug. 23 of complications from ovarian cancer. She was 79.

Born in Georgia, Roberts grew up in Winter Park, attending Winter Park Elementary and later Hungerford High School in Eatonville. After graduating, Roberts enrolled in a beauty school, where she was a talented student, said her husband, Alonzo Roberts, 89.

She would "teach when the teacher was absent," he said..."

(The remainder of the article details the way Melinese carried herself during her duties.)

Alonzo In Article About Historical Preservation

Anika Myers Palm, “‘Sage Project’ Tells Stories of Hannibal Square’s Elders,” *Orlando Sentinel*, May 13, 2012.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/269559166/?clipping_id=21004743

Transcription:

(The first section of the article discusses the ‘Sage Project’, a history exhibit at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center in Winter Park that spotlights elders of the community.)

“...Alonzo “Trick” Roberts, born in 1922 in Winter Park, said he hadn’t been able to decide whether to be a barber or an undertaker until the day he actually went into a barbershop to try that work.

“On the first day in the barbershop, I went in there on a Friday afternoon and made \$12.50, and that’s what men were making a week!” he told Livingston. At the time, a haircut was 25 cents.

“You couldn’t tell me anything then,” he said. “That’s how I became a barber...”

(The remainder of the article features anecdotes from other elders participating in the Sage Project. Above the article is also a photo of Roberts posing in front of his barbershop. The caption under that photo reads as follows:)

“Alonzo “Trick” Roberts, left, and Rose Charlton Bynum are participants in The Sage Project, which captures the stories and voices of some of the oldest residents of Winter Park’s historically black west-side Hannibal Square community.”

Alonzo At 6th Annual Winter Park Veteran's Day Celebration

“Honoring Our Veterans,” *Orlando Sentinel*, November 12, 2016.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/269086965/?match=1&clipping_id=145420778

Transcription:

(The photo depicts Roberts at the 6th Annual Winter Park Veteran's Day Celebration, sitting in a row with others. The caption reads as follows:)

“World War II Army veteran Alonzo Roberts, 94, second from right, takes in the sixth annual Winter Park Veteran's Day Celebration on Friday at the Winter Park Community Center.”

Alonzo Roberts' Interview for the UCF Veterans History Project

Alonzo Roberts, interviewed by Andrew Ortiz for the University of Central Florida's Veterans History Project, Winter Park, Florida, August 31, 2017,

<https://stars.library.ucf.edu/veteransoralhistories/564/>.

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0:01 No audio; 2:37 Audio is turned on; 2:40 History of Winter Park, FL; 5:25 His Grandfather one of the first men to settle in Winter Park, FL; 6:05 Settlers of Winter Park; 7:05 History of outside cities of Winter Park; 8:14 Grandfather's property; 09:30 Other property owners of Winter Park; 10:10 First church started in Winter Park; 11:55 His parents separating; 13:11 People in the community helping one another; 13:30 Grandfather built his home; 14:11 His birth inside the home; 14:28 Development of Winter Park; 16:11 Getting his Social Security Number at age 17; 17:30 Working on an orange grove; 18:25 Working at Lake mount Dairy; 21:25 Shining shoes on park avenue; 22:45 Difference in currency from growing up and now; 23:10 Being a waiter at a restaurant; 24:15 Drafted into the military during World War II; 24:35 Listening to the radio when war was declared on Japan; 25:45 Drafted into the US Army at the age of 19; 27:25 Inducted into the Army February 7th 1943; 28:16 Praying he would not be sent to Mississippi or Georgia; 28:44 Segregation in Mississippi; 29:30 African American troops told not to go outside without an MP present; 30:57 Transferred to Camp Shelby; 31:25 Being a cook at Camp Shelby; 33:20 Transferred from cook to Quarter Master; 34:30 Injured his knee and put in the hospital for 39 days; 36:40 Shipping out to the Pacific by boat; 40:55 Transferring from ship to shore; 41:45 Living conditions on the beach; 43:10 Marines training on the island; 43:39 Transferred to a Marine Unit; 44:00 Sent to Guadalcanal with the Marine Unit; 44:50 5 battle stars for being in combat zone; 45:00 Combat situation on Guadalcanal; 45:30 Marines situation on Guadalcanal; 47:43 P-51 and P-61 landing on air crafts; 48:45 Marines boarding ship; 49:50 Taking what Marines left on the island; 51:55 Black Marines were used as stretcher carriers; 53:00 Guadalcanal preparations; 54:45 Battle of Guadalcanal; 58:35 Lucky that he was sent to Guam; 1:01:55 In Cebu, Philippines; 1:04:30 Build up to the Atomic Bomb dropping; 1:07:00 Aftermath of atomic bombs dropped; 1:08:55 Loss of life at Guadalcanal; 1:09:55 Discusses how Marine are trained and the effect when they come home; 1:12:55 Why Black men were not trusted to be in an infantry role; 1:13:10 President Eisenhower one the best Presidents ever; 1:14:40 Shipping back home from the Pacific; 1:18:15 Discusses how he doesn't want to be on ocean water gain; 1:20:10 Date of discharge from the Army; 1:21:15 His occupation after leaving the Army; 1:25:45 House Phone Rings/ Interview is paused; 1:25:57 Interview starts again/ Working for a family; 1:27:19 Being a barber; 1:27:35 Being a school bus driver for 27 years; 1:28:00 Barbershop that he used to own is still a barber shop today; 1:29:45 People come ask him about the history of Winter Park; 1:30:50 His book that he is writing about his life and Winter Park; 1:32:00 Wants no part of the ocean, wants to stay on land; 1:34:10 Enjoying life; 1:35:13 Conclusion.

Name	Alonzo G Roberts
Rank	Sergeant
Death Age	95
Birth Date	29 Oct 1922
Death Date	3 Jul 2018
Interment Place	Bushnell, Florida, USA
Cemetery Address	6502 SW. 102nd Ave.
Cemetery Postal Code	33513
Cemetery	Florida National Cemetery
Section	628
Plot	1083
War	World War II
Branch of Service	US Army
Relative	Alonzo G Roberts
Comments	Veteran (Self)

Alonzo Roberts Veterans Gravesite

“U.S., Veterans’ Gravesites, ca.1775-2019,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 15, 2024), entry for Alonzo G Roberts, Bushnell, Florida.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/8266821:8750>



Alonzo Roberts' Headstone in Florida National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Alonzo G Roberts*, photograph, 2024, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.



Alonzo Robert's Wife's Headstone in Florida National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Melinese S Roberts*, photograph, 2024, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.