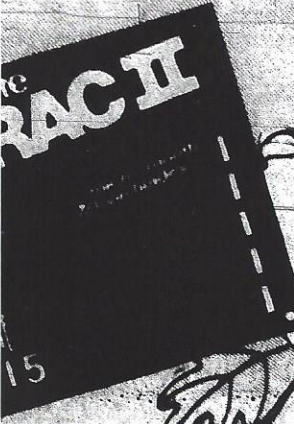


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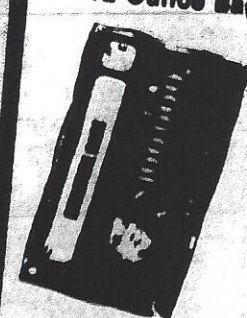
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St. Louis Dates To Late 1800s

By Eugene M. Scheel
Times-Mirror Special Writer

When the talented and likable equestrienne Mrs. A.C. Randolph moved to Oakley, near Upperville, she was in need of a cook. A friend commented there was a good one in St. Louis. "I'll airmail a letter to her immediately," said Randolph. Only in Fauquier and Loudoun could such a comment provoke smiles, and remembrances years later.

How did St. Louis, with some 200 persons, the largest black village in the horse and hunt country of America, get its name?

The first theory, set forth by some whites, says the community was named for W.C. Handy's "St. Louis Blues." Handy's song, though, was composed in 1914, and the name St. Louis had been applied to the village nearly a quarter-century before. Theory dismissed.

Some blacks say there was a man named Louis who was highly revered and who became known as Saint Louis. A possibility, though not likely. No man named Louis or Lewis, or with the surname Lewis or Louis, appears among the deeds of earliest S. Louisians.

Another theory, told by Mary Katherine Reamer and others, bears a closer look. She recalls that years ago everyone called the huddle of houses just east of Middleburg, now known as Brown's Corner, Maryland. "We said we were going to Maryland." Indeed, "Maryland" was on the way to Maryland. Could St. Louis, on the other side of Middleburg, have been on the way to St. Louis?

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the old-line Democrats once more were in power and blacks foresaw the coming of segregation. After subtle hints they were no longer welcome at the white Baptist churches, and many, like the blacks at St. Louis, formed their own congregations.

They organized at the St. Louis one-room schoolhouse, one of the oldest still standing in Fauquier or Loudoun. Land "on which there is a new schoolhouse for public instruction according to law" was purchased by School District No. 3 (now Mercer District) on April 21, 1877. The sellers were Charles Squire, (sometimes called Esquire) and Lucy Robinson. The price was \$27.50.

Among the early remembered teachers were Mattie McQuay Berryman, Anna Gaskins, Grace and Clarence Murray from the Bull Run Mountain, Powell Gibson, and Armistead Smith and his son, Alfonso Smith. Each day the Smiths walked eight miles back and forth along the old road that forded Goose Creek at Millville, to and from their home at Middleburg.

Terry Gaskins Colbert, who taught at St. Louis about 50 years ago, recalls that the school was so crowded she could hardly count the children. There were always at least 40 in the one room.

By the early 1940s there were sometimes 50 students, and the older children attended school in a classroom set up in Phil McQuay's store. Under the leadership of Dr. Maurice Edmead, the black physician from Middleburg who had dispelled thoughts that blacks would not go to a black doctor because "how could a black know anything about medicine?" St. Louis and Middleburg parents asked the school board to relieve overcrowding at their schools

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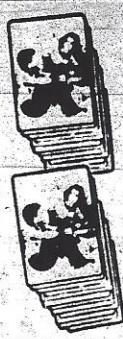
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Thomas Glascock, well-
healed and of the gentry,
who owned several large
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and Loudoun. Beginning in
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his ex-slaves and those of the
Carters, Dulanys,
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Ann Gillison bought what
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Mountville (Marble Quarry)
School on Sam Fred Lane.
Pupils filled five rooms.
Augustus Lacey from
Dinwiddie County — he had
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It is not known when Mt. Zion, named for one of the hills of Jerusalem, was organized, but previously its members attended Shiloh at Middleburg, Mt. Pisgah at Upperville, Mt. Olive at Rectortown, or the white Baptist churches — Ebenezer above Bloomfield, and Middleburg and Upperville.

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Thank you Myrtle McQuay, Helen Helmick, Bernice Smith, Thelma Smith, Annie Smith, Rosa Carter, Terry Gaskins Colbert, and Cora L. Poles of St. Louis or nearby, Wallace Phillips and Mary Katherine Reamer of Middleburg, Mrs. A.C. Randolph of Oakley, Mrs. John T. Ramey of Marshall, Elizabeth H. Lemmon of Pelham.

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