

SOWING SEEDS OF FAMILY

Planting & Harvesting

I've been able to trace my ancestry back to 1851, or just nine years prior to the start of the American Civil War. Through research, I've discovered that my family has lived in Prince George's County for more than six generations,

were integral members of the historic, Ridgely Methodist Episcopal Church, and served as trustees for Highland Park School, a Rosenwald School for African American students in Landover.



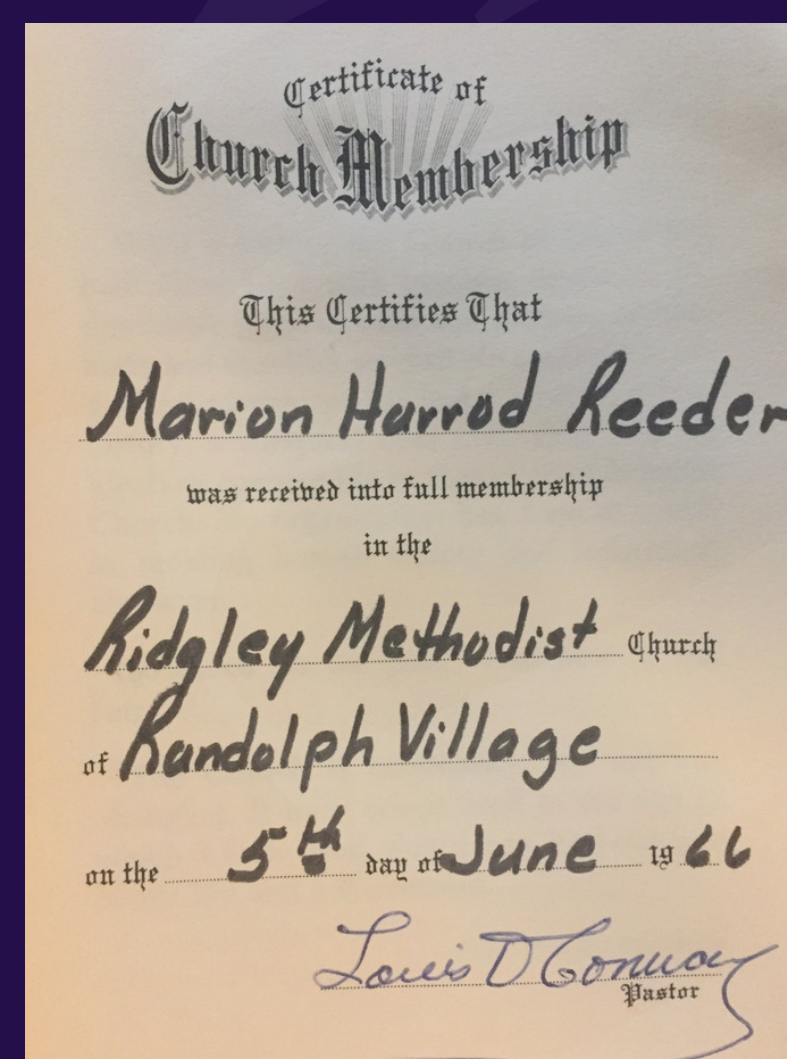
Robert Harrod Sr. was born in 1851, nine years prior to the start of the American Civil War, attended and was buried at the Ridgely Church Cemetery.



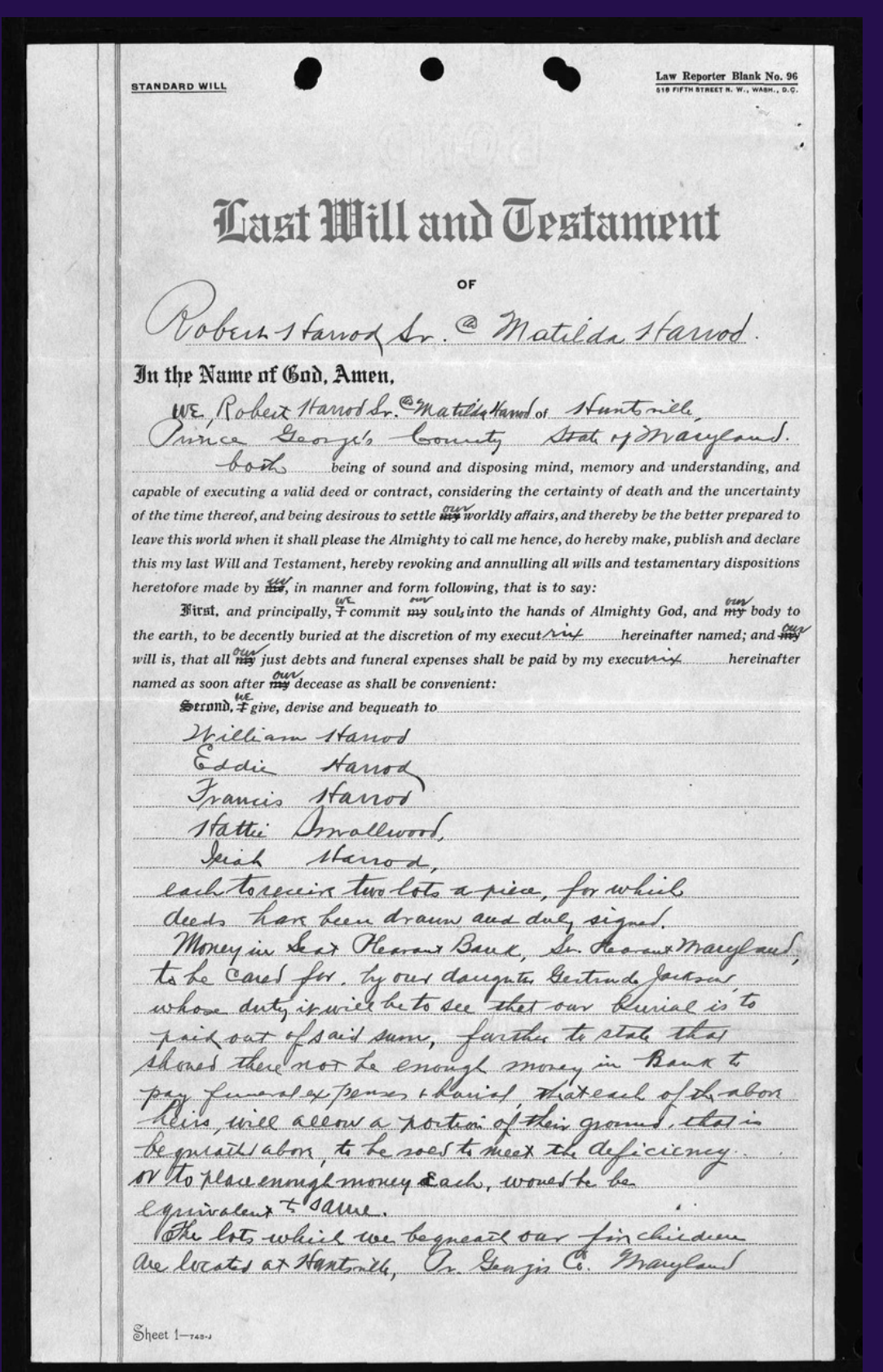
His son, Robert Harrod Jr., married Eliza Queen and served as a trustee for the Highland Park Rosenwald School.



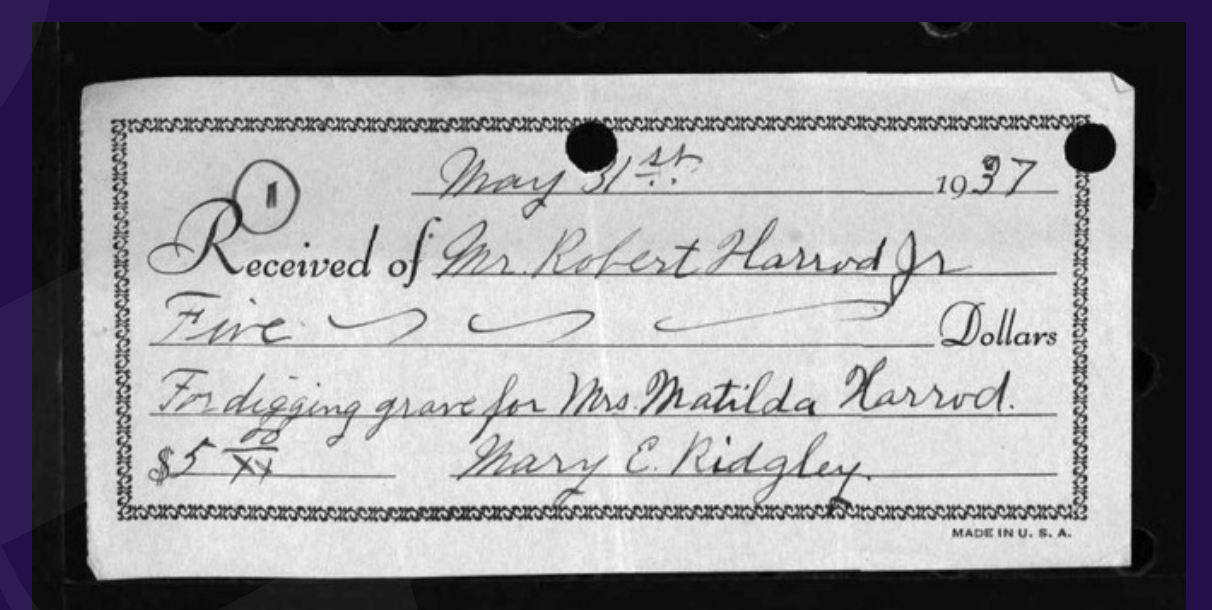
Marion "Dee" Harrod Reeder, the granddaughter of Robert Harrod Jr., officially joined Ridgely Church in June 1966.



Certificate indicating Marion Harrod Reeder's reception into full Membership Booklet to Ridgely Church



Excerpt from Robert Harrod Sr. and Matilda Harrod's Will



Receipt to Robert Harrod Jr. for the burial of his mother, Matilda Harrod. Signed by Mary Eliza Ridgely.

Sharon Drakeford, daughter of Marion Harrod Reeder with her grandfather, Clarence Harrod, son of Robert Harrod Jr.

EARNING FAMILIAL CAPITAL

Making a Meal

By working as a team, we have been able to combine our familial capital to advocate and develop policies for food justice, land rights, and criminal justice reform in our local community.



Ashley and Valawnda Drakeford leading a Double Dutch game, following a Women's Health and Wellness fundraiser.



Ashley Drakeford and Kyle Reeder working at The Capital Market with volunteer Andrea Wilson.



Kyle Reeder leading a volunteer gleaning event with local farmers and parishoners



The Drakeford Sisters with Dr. Kenvi Phillips, Dr. Arlisha Alston, and Dr. Sade Anderson at a discussion on Radical Black Feminism and Spirituality.



Brittney Drakeford facilitating a food justice workshop with a Political Advocacy Training group for teens

CONNECTING KIN BUILDING COMMUNITY

Dining Together

