

A black and white photograph of a group of African American people, likely from the 1940s. The image is slightly blurred and has a vintage feel. In the foreground, a woman on the left is smiling, and a man in the center is looking towards the camera. Other people are visible in the background, some with their arms raised. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# **African American Life in Asheboro, ca. 1940**

**Images from a film by H. Lee Waters  
with identifications of persons**

*A local history and genealogy project  
by Thomas Rush*



**Charles Coltrane's Father  
or Jim Franks [?] (0:12)**



J. C. Lowery (0:16)



**Garrett Lowdermilk (0:19)**



**Ed Lewis (0:27-0:28)**



Esevan Cheek (0:32-0:34)



**Lafayette Staley (0:38-0:39)**



**Effie Siler (0:40-0:42)**

**Mishie Siler (0:40-0:42)**





Willis Lowdermilk [?] (0:46)



**Charlie Fuller (0:47)**

**Theodore Gladden  
(0:47)**



**“Bud” Matthews  
(0:50-0:53 and 0:55-0:56)**



**Simon "Slick" Brower (1:04-1:08)**



**Mrs. Georgia Crump (1:30-1:32)**

**Beatrice Everett (1:33-1:35)**

*At the home of Emma Foust  
803 Franks Street*





**Essie Foust Lewis (1:39-1:40)**



James Robert Lewis (1:43)





Member of the Kenion family [?] (1:44-1:45)



**Bud Caviness (1:56-1:57)**



**Roger Bostic (2:22-2:23)**



**Barney Trogdon, Sr. (2:24-2:25)**



**Harrison McGee (2:33-2:38)**



**Rob Freeland (2:45)**



**Curt Ewing (2:46)**



**Daphne McGee (2:52-2:53)**





Ed Hedrick? (3:00)



**Walter Lane (3:16-3:19)**



**Essie Foust Lewis (3:57-3:58)**

**Barbara Coble [Poole] (4:08)**  
*with her mother Susie Coble (next slide)*





**Susie Coble (4:10)**



**Clyde Kenion (4:13)**



Louise Brown [?] (4:50)



**Odessa Owens (5:19-5:22)**

*Thomas Rush's second cousin*



**Coreenna Chrisco (5:19-5:22)**

*Thomas Rush's aunt*

**Irene Craven (5:19-5:22)**





Louise Brown (5:28)



Coreenna Chrisco (6:00-6:15;  
6:08-6:15)

*Thomas Rush's aunt*



**Mother of Farris Lewis [?] (6:20)**



Betty Phillips (6:38)



Hortense Scotten Jackson (6:44)



**Ruth McMasters (0:6:45)**

**Margaret Brown Bostic (6:45)**



**Merrill Franks (6:47-7:01)**



**Pearlean McMasters (7:01)**





Merrill Franks (7:04-7:09)



**Beatrice Kenion (7:18)**



**Sampson Buie  
(7:32-7:45  
And 7:42-7:45)**

**Professor C.A. Barrett (7:46-7:49; 8:18-8:48; and 9:16-9:24)**

*Principal at Central School*





**Burnetta "Netta" McMasters (7:18)**



Ada Waddell [?] (7:34)



**Mrs. Motley [?] (8:04-8:05)**

*Taught dance at Central School*



**Viola Franklin [?] (8:06)**





**Isaac Spencer (8:07-8:08)**



C.L. Hoover (8:09)



Phyllis Boss [?] (9:04)



**Girl from Brooks family [?] (9:04)**



**Henrietta Ritter (9:11)**



Henrietta Ritter (9:14)

Girl from Jiminez family [?]  
(9:14)



**Wade Chrisco(9:24)**

*Thomas Rush's uncle*



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