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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.



Eta Omega Chapter

International Achievement Week Awards Banquet

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel



Speaker:
Brother Rev. Dr. Jason R. Curry
Dean, Martin Luther King Int'l. Chapel
Morehouse College

"The Omega Standard: Leadership Rooted in Service"

THE HISTORY of ETA OMEGA CHAPTER
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

On December 1, 1919, eight years and two weeks after becoming the first fraternity founded on the campus of a historically Black college, Omega Psi Phi made history again when the Fraternity's seventh Grand Basileus, Raymond G. Robinson, arrived in Atlanta to set up the Fraternity's seventh permanent chapter. Originally chartered as Eta Chapter, then rechartered as Eta Omega, it was the first chapter of any Black fraternity established in the Deep South (Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi), and the first chapter of any Black Greek-letter organization, sorority or fraternity, established in the state of Georgia. At the time, Georgia was a leading state for lynching, and the Ku Klux Klan was officially chartered by the state as a "fraternal" group. Although 1919 had seen dozens of race riots across America, Grand Basileus Robinson courageously organized chapters in Nashville, Tennessee, New York City, and Richmond, Virginia, earlier that year before coming to Atlanta in December at his own expense. It's now believed that the meeting where Eta was organized likely took place in a residence where Clark Atlanta University's Trevor Arnett Hall stands today.

Eta Chapter's founders were Brother Harold H. Thomas, an Atlanta native who, like Grand Basileus Robinson, had been initiated at Beta Chapter, Lincoln University; and Brothers Horace A. Hodges, Harvey M. Smith, Lawrence R. Harper, and Clinton E. Warner, Sr., all of whom were initiated at the Camp Howard Chapter on September 1, 1918.



Harvey M. Smith

Brother **Clinton Ellsworth "Pops" Warner** was an instructor at Morehouse College. A career educator, he spent nearly 60 years at Morehouse in two tours. His son, Clinton Jr. was born on campus.



Clinton E. Warner

Brother **Harvey Miles Smith** was a student at Morehouse. He went on to become a minister, moving to Albany, GA, and pastoring Mt Zion Baptist Church there.

Brother **Lawrence Raymond Harper** was a student at Atlanta University. He became a career educator, relocating to Augusta, GA, where he was Dean of Men at Paine College for 30 years.



Harold H. Thomas

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Brother **Horace Aurelius Hodges**, a native of Texas, was also a student at Atlanta University. After graduation, he attended Harvard University's School of Dentistry, and moved to Houston after receiving a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

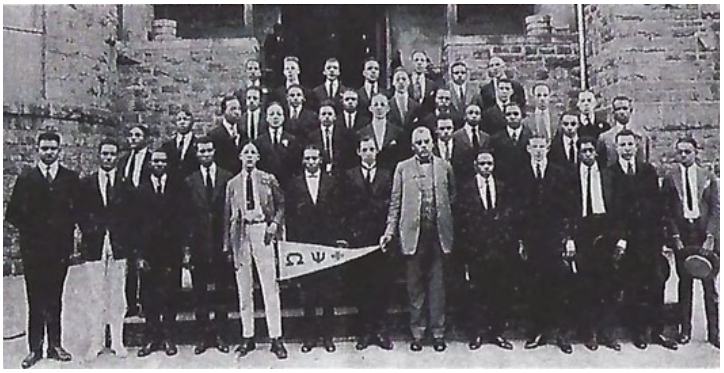
Brother **Harold H. Thomas**, the driving force behind establishing the chapter, had graduated from the College Prep division of Atlanta University before heading off to Lincoln. He returned to Atlanta after graduating and made it his mission to bring Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to the Deep South. Brother Thomas was the chapter's Founding Basileus. During Omega's first decades in "Dixie," he held several important leadership positions in the Fraternity, including Grand Basileus, District Representative of the Seventh District, and Business Manager of The Oracle, Omega's official publication. Brother Thomas remained active with Eta Omega Chapter across several more decades, serving as Vice Basileus and on the Achievement Week Committee, among other roles. In 1953, he was selected as Eta Omega Chapter's "Outstanding Omega Man," a distinction known these days as "Omega Man of the Year."

The original Eta Chapter, which received its charter in Boston on December 27, 1919, during the Fraternity's Eighth Grand Conclave, grew by adding "men of like attainment and of the same ideals of fellowship, scholarship, and manhood" at Atlanta University, Clark College, Morehouse College, and Gammon Theological Seminary, along with college graduates in the Atlanta area who were upholding the ideals of OMEGA. Eta was described as **"the bulwark of Omega in Dixie"**, and Brothers from the aforementioned schools went on to establish their own chapters: Omicron at Gammon Theological Seminary (1921); Psi at Morehouse (1921); Tau at Atlanta University (1922); and Beta Psi at Clark (1923); leaving Eta for college graduates only. Under the leadership of Grand Basileus J. Alston Atkins (1922-1923), the Fraternity developed a new naming system to differentiate between undergraduate and graduate chapters. Since then, the original Eta Chapter has been known as Eta Omega Chapter. The charter for Eta Chapter, after residing at Harvard University in Boston from the mid-Twenties into the early Thirties, has resided at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, since 1949.

As both oral and documented history confirm, throughout its 106 years of existence, Eta Omega, the Deep South's original chapter, has been at the forefront of Omega Psi Phi's efforts in Georgia, the Seventh District, and the entire Fraternity. The Chapter has hosted or co-hosted five Grand Conclaves, the first in December of 1921 along with newly established Omicron Chapter at Gammon Theological Seminary. Earlier that year, in April, all the Fraternity's existing chapters, in support of Brother Carter G. Woodson, launched an ambitious week-long *Campaign for the Study of Negro History and Literature*.

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Just 16 months old, Eta Chapter sponsored a mass meeting which attracted more than two thousand people. Omegas also made presentations in every public school in Atlanta. Five years later, in 1926, Brother Woodson established Negro History Week (now Black History Month).



Eta Chapter 1921

When, in 1928, the Fraternity began observing "Negro Achievement Week" (now called Achievement Week), Eta Omega Chapter did an hour-long radio program through the studios of WSB and gave presentations at schools, churches, and public gatherings across Atlanta.

In the years since, the chapter's Achievement Week speakers have included Esteemed Omega Psi Phi Founder Brother Bishop Edgar Amos Love, civil rights icon Brother Vernon Jordan, Jr., Brother Congressman James E. Clyburn, U.S. House Majority Whip; and Grand Basilei past, present, and future; among them Brother 33rd Grand Basileus Moses C. Norman, Sr., Brother 39th Grand Basileus Andrew Ray, and Brother 40th Grand Basileus Antonio Knox, as well as college presidents, noteworthy jurists, and accomplished Eta Omega Men with important messages to share.

In its first century, the original Atlanta chapter has provided outstanding Fraternity leaders at the National, District, and State levels, beginning with aforementioned chapter founder Brother Harold H. Thomas, who was elected Grand Basileus in 1920, and later, by appointment, became the first District Representative for the Seventh District. Others notables include:

- Brother William J. (Billy) Faulkner—District Representative, Southern District (1922)
- Brother Jesse O. Thomas—Vice Grand Basileus (1936-1937)
- Brother Jesse B. Blayton, Sr.—Grand Keeper of Finance (1932-1968), the longest Grand Office tenure in Fraternity history.
- Brother John P. Murchison, elected Editor of The Oracle (1924).
- Brother Ira De Augustine Reid—Original director of Omega Psi Phi's National Social Action Program (1946).
- Brother John Calhoun—Vice Grand Basileus, who became the first to hold the title "First Vice Grand Basileus" due to the creation of the "Second Vice Grand" position for undergraduates (1944-1945).

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- Brother Marcellus R. Austell — The first **elected** District Representative for the Seventh District (1940).
- Brother William C. Gaines — District Representative, Seventh District (1965-1967).
- Brother Chucky Wilson — District Representative, Seventh District (1998-2002).
- Brother Arthur R. Owens, Sr. — GA State Representative (1964-1975), the longest tenure in history.
- Brother David L. Brown — GA State Representative (1980-1982)
- Brother Samuel D. Jolley, Jr. — GA State Representative (1982-1985) while a member of Lambda Phi Chapter in Macon.
- Brother Alfred D. Wyatt, Sr. — International Talent Hunt Committee Chair (1985-1987), and Consultant to the Committee in 1988.
- Brother Albert W. “Smitty” Smith — Bearer of The Ceremonial Mace which he holds aloft as the Fraternity’s Grand Basileus is led into a room.
- Brother Henry J. Porter — the talented tenor known for decades as “The Voice” of Omega Psi Phi for his exceptional skills as a vocalist, and
- Brother Moses Conrad Norman, Sr. — Chapter Vice Basileus, Chapter Basileus, First Vice District Representative of the Seventh District, District Representative, Seventh District, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, First Vice Grand Basileus, 33rd Grand Basileus, and Chair of the Council of Former Grand Basilei. Among the most honored, respected, and distinguished Omega leaders in history, Brother Norman is the only man ever elected to three consecutive two-year terms as the Fraternity’s chief executive.



Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr.

The leadership Eta Omega men deliver to the Fraternity is more than matched by the leadership delivered to the community. Three (Brothers Benjamin E. Mays, John Wesley Dobbs, and Jesse Hill, Jr.) have city streets in Atlanta named for them. Others have parks, public schools, and college buildings bearing their names, and monuments bearing their images. The level of service which prompted those honors has been a constant from the chapter’s beginning.

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In October 2026, Eta Omega Chapter was presented the Atlanta Top Fraternity Recruiter Award by the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP. Basileus Kurt McDonald (holding plaque), chapter NAACP Chair Bro. Carl Weaver and Bro. Rev. William Strickland are pictured here at the 2026 NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner.

Chapter highlights in the new millennium include Brother Ceasar Mitchell's two terms as Atlanta City Council President, Brother Thomas W. Dortch, Jr.'s tenure as national chairman of 100 Black Men of America, the adding of Brother Willie Bolden's footsteps to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame, Brother Rodney Bryant's service to Atlanta as Chief of Police and Commander of Public Safety Planning for Super Bowl LIII; honors to Eta Omega from the Atlanta Public Schools and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for our mentoring program, and accolades from the Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the International, District, and State levels.

Eta Omega was recognized as the Omega Psi Phi Large Graduate Chapter of the Year for the State of Georgia, the Seventh District, and the International Fraternity for two consecutive fiscal years (2020-2021 and 2021-2022).

Several years ago, while musing about our chapter's future, Brother Moses C. Norman, Sr., paraphrased William Shakespeare by penning these words: "The past is yet but prologue; the future, only Men of Eta Omega Chapter can help determine. And determine, we will continue to do."

Eta Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
2026 INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AWARDS BANQUET

"The Omega Standard: Leadership Rooted in Service"

PROGRAMME

Brother Robert E. Wilson, Sr., Achievement Week Chairman, Presiding

Invocation	**Brother Rev. Kamau Welcher**
	Chaplain , Eta Omega Chapter
Greetings/ Purpose	**Brother Robert E. Wilson, Sr.**
Welcome	**Brother Kurt McDonald**
	Basileus, Eta Omega Chapter
Special Recognition	**Brother Kurt McDonald**
Talent Hunt Award	**Atira Lawrence**
	Brother Christian Ford presenting

*** DINNER IS SERVED ***

Poem	**Brother Myron Broome**
Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr. Essay Award	**Kurt McDonald, Jr.**
	Brother Akiem Williams presenting
Introduction of Speaker	**Brother Maurice Baudy, Jr.**
Keynote Speaker	**Brother Rev. Dr. Jason R. Curry**
	Dean of the Martin Luther King International Chapel, Morehouse College
Citizen of the Year Award	**Brother Leonard Adams, Jr.**
Basileus Award	**Brother Kurt McDonald, presenting**
Superior Service Award	**Brother Virgil Fletcher, Jr.**
Founders Lifetime Achievement Award	**Brother Albert "Smitty" Smith**
Omega Man of the Year	**Brother Wil Reeder**
Closing Remarks	**Brother Kurt McDonald**

HYMN: "Omega Dear"

Rev. Dr. Jason R. Curry Biography



The Rev. Dr. Jason R. Curry is the second Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College, a position he assumed on June 15, 2026. A nationally respected pastor, educator, scholar, and higher education administrator, Dean Curry leads one of the most influential spiritual and moral centers in higher education, building upon the legacy established by the Chapel's founding dean, The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr. As a student at Morehouse, he accepted his call to gospel ministry while serving as a Chapel Assistant under the mentorship of Dean Carter, an experience that profoundly shaped his vocation and leadership journey.

A proud Morehouse alumnus, Dr. Curry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion from Morehouse College, a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and both an Executive MBA and a Ph.D. in Religion and Personality from Vanderbilt University.

Prior to his appointment at Morehouse, Dr. Curry served for more than two decades at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he was Dean of the Fisk Memorial Chapel, Senior Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant Professor of Religion, and Director of Religious Life. In these roles, he provided strategic leadership for the university's spiritual life programs, academic initiatives, and student development efforts. He also founded and advised the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants and the Leaders of the Interfaith Fellow Team, strengthening student leadership and interfaith engagement across the campus community.

An accomplished higher education leader, Dr. Curry has served on the President's Cabinet, Senior Leadership Team, and Provost's Council at Fisk University. Throughout his career, he has secured more than $5 million in grants and philanthropic support and has developed initiatives that expanded graduate and professional school pathways for students attending institutions such as Yale University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Vanderbilt University, and Harvard University. He also played a key role in implementing data-informed enrollment management strategies that contributed to sustained growth in student enrollment and institutional revenue.

Bfore becoming Dean of the Fisk Memorial Chapel, Dr. Curry served in several senior administrative

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Rev. Dr. Jason R. Curry Biography (continued)

positions, including Special Assistant to the President and Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation at Fisk University. He also held leadership roles in institutional research and assessment at both Fisk University and Kentucky State University.

In addition to his distinguished career in higher education, Dr. Curry has devoted his life to ministry and pastoral leadership. He previously served as Senior Pastor of St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Throughout his ministry, he has remained committed to cultivating communities of faith, scholarship, justice, and service.

Dr. Curry is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and has maintained strong ties to Morehouse College and the Atlanta University Center throughout his career. He and his wife, Angela, a graduate of Spelman College, are the proud parents of three children, all graduates of Morehouse College and Spelman College.

Overview - Eta Omega in 2025-26

The 2025–26 fiscal year was another impactful one for the Eta Omega Chapter. We continued uplifting the Atlanta community through mandated programs and service initiatives, including our annual Community Health Expo, nonprofit partnerships, and efforts supporting health awareness, food security, and youth development.

Our commitment to scholarship and mentorship remained strong as we awarded $28,000 in scholarships to seven deserving students and continued supporting our undergraduate brothers at Alpha Sigma and Pi Delta Delta Chapters. Through reclamation, fellowship, and service, we also strengthened the bonds of brotherhood within our chapter.

Eta Omega continued to distinguish itself through leadership and service, earning the Top Fraternity Recruiter Award from the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP. As we reflect on another year of achievement, we remain committed to our legacy of excellence and the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.



Brothers with 2026 Talent Hunt participants

2025-26 Eta Omega Chapter Officers

Basileus ..... Bro. Kurt McDonald

Vice Basileus ..... Bro. Alex Domond, Jr.

Keeper of Records and Seal ..... Bro. Wil Reeder

Asst. Keeper of Records and Seal ..... Bro. Hugh Hunter

Keeper of Finance ..... Bro. Jabari Duporte-Martin

Asst. Keeper of Finance ..... Bro. Kelvin Tanner

Chaplain ..... Bro. Rev. Kamau Welcher

Chapter Reporter ..... Bro. Jason V. Jackson

Keeper of Peace ..... Bro. Maurice Sutton

Member-at-Large ..... Bro. Maurice Baudy, Jr.

Member-at-Large ..... Bro. Ronald Coleman

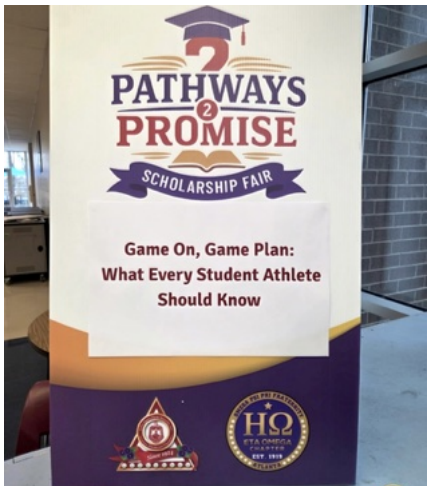
Member-at-Large ..... Bro. Keith Mosley

Immediate Past Basileus ..... Bro. Kenneth Mitchell, Jr.

Overview - Eta Omega in 2025-2026





















2025-26 Eta Omega Chapter Roster

1. Dominic Adams
2. Herbert Adams
3. Robert Adams
4. Anthony Aiken
5. James Albritten
6. Anthony Alford
7. Charles Alston
8. Matthew Anderson
9. Dr. Timothy Anderson
10. William Appling
11. James D. Banks
12. Marvin Banks
13. Jesse Baskerville
14. Maurice Baudy
15. Varcellus Bell
16. Bruce Benn
17. Harold Bennett
18. Christopher Boone
19. Terry Brantley
20. Myrone Broome
21. Fredrick Brown
22. Reginald Brown
23. Walter Brown
24. Joshua Butler
25. Luther Burton
26. William Campbell
27. Michael Chaney
28. Herbert Chennault
29. Earle Clowney
30. Reggie Coachman
31. James Cockerham
32. Patrick Coleman
33. Ronald Coleman
34. Julius Coles
35. Ernest Cooper, Jr.
36. Ernest Cooper, III
37. Larry Copeland
38. Archie L. Course
39. Honorable Thomas Cox
40. Ryan Crockett
41. Phillip Cunningham
42. Melvin Davis
43. Terrance A. Davis
44. Tommy Davis
45. Alex Domond
46. Corey Dunlap
47. Jabari Duporte-Martin
48. Eugene Dryer
49. Sean Dye
50. Terry Easley
51. Willie Easley
52. Kevin Eccles
53. Javarro Edwards
54. Ronald Ellis
55. Jerrod Ethridge
56. James Fann
57. John Kevin Franks
58. Virgil Fletcher Jr.
59. Gregory Flythe
60. Nathan Gibson
61. George Gilbert
62. Kevin Goodrum
63. Cleo Graves
64. Earl Green
65. Marcus Green
66. Corey Griffin
67. James Griffin Jr.
68. Ernest Hale
69. Kevvin Hankins
70. Dennis Harold
71. Dr. Daniel Harris
72. Patrick Harris
73. Robert Harris
74. Fred Hartfield
75. Trennis Harvey
76. Derrick Henderson
77. Jonathan Hicks
78. D. Ray Hill
79. Tavare Hill
80. Ernest Hines
81. Henry Hines
82. Eldrick Horton
83. Demetrick Howard
84. Olin Hudson
85. Jarrod Huey
86. Oliver Huff
87. Rufus Huffman
88. Hugh Hunter
89. Jason Jackson
90. Reginald Jackson
91. Eric Jamison
92. Eric Jamison Jr
93. Steven Jeter
94. Terrance Jett
95. Earvin Johnson
96. Harvey Johnson
97. Lawrence Johnson
98. Everett G. Jolly
99. Dr. Samuel Jolley Jr.

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100. Anthony Jones
101. Ellie Jones
102. Richard Jones Jr.
103. Sean Jones
104. Travis Jones
105. Charles Kelley
106. Amos King
107. Fred E. King
108. Torrey Kirby
109. Tyrone Lawary
110. Greg Leaphart
111. Ray Leaphart
112. Carl Lee
113. Willie Lee II
114. Robert D. Little, II
115. Robert Long
116. Benjamin Louder
117. Abraham Mack
118. Robert Manley
119. Derek Marks
120. Kevin Massingille
121. Dr. Brock Mayers
122. Melvin McCammon
123. Vincent P. McCant
124. Charles A. McDonald
125. Dr. Kurt McDonald
126. Jeffery McKinnon
127. Elridge McMillan
128. Carl McNair
129. Buster Meadows
130. Curtis Meadows
131. Trenton Meredith
132. Greg Middleton
133. Artesius Miller
134. James Milton Jr.
135. Ronald H. Miranda
136. Kenneth Mitchell
137. Michael Mitchell
138. Derrick Moite
139. Ruben Moore
140. Keith Mosley
141. Jacques Mountain
142. Alphonser Murphy
143. Haskell Murry, Jr.
144. Michael Murray
145. Avis M. Murry
146. Deric Nobles
147. Christopher Norman
148. Jeffrey Norman
149. Marquette V. Northington
150. Hoyt Nunnally, Jr.
151. Hoyt Nunnally, III
152. Meshach Oakman
153. Larry Odum
154. Craig Oliver, Sr.
155. Bobby Palmer
156. Scott Parham
157. Patrick Parker
158. Charles Perdue
159. Ernest Perry
160. Charles Peyton
161. Julian Phillips
162. Ralph Phillips
163. Jahi Polk
164. Dane Porter
165. Henry Porter
166. Geoffery Powell
167. Gregory Pridgeon
168. Geraud Prince
169. Deverron Ramcheran
170. Marcus Reed
171. Wil Reeder
172. Jerrod Richardson
173. Lawrence Richardson
174. Jeffrey Riddle
175. Jeffrey Riddle, II
176. Joseph Robertson
177. Rodney Sampson
178. Rodney Sampson, III
179. Rodney Sampson, IV
180. Scott Savage
181. John F. Scott
182. Robert Scott
183. Paul D. Simpson Jr.
184. Donovan Slack
185. Herman Sloan
186. Albert Smith
187. Quenon Smith
188. Thomas Dwain Smith
189. John Smith
190. Marshall Smith, Jr.
191. Vincent Smith
192. David Anthony Spencer
193. Hersey Steptoe
194. Kordell Stewart
195. LaQuintin Stewart
196. William Strickland
197. Miguel Stubbs
198. Maurice Sutton

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199. Kelvin Tanner
200. Robert Taylor
201. Carl Terry
202. Overton Thierry, Jr.
203. Eric Thomas
204. Joseph Thomas
205. Eric H. Thompson
206. Dr. Earl Thurmond
207. Dominic Thurston
208. Kai Tillman
209. John Tolbert
210. Josiah Townsel
211. Lewis Traylor
212. Kenneth Turner
213. Ron Turner
214. Delvin Walker
215. Webster Wallace
216. Isaac Warren
217. Maurice Watson
218. Carl Weaver
219. Kamau Welcher
220. Earl Westbrooks
221. Todd Wilcher
222. Ed Wilkins
223. Willie Wilkerson
224. Cassius Willaim
225. Gregory Williams
226. Marlon Williams
227. Chucky Wilson
228. DeLlyod Wilson
229. Robert Wilson, III
230. Robert Earl Wilson, Sr.
231. Jerald Wolff
232. Joseph Wood
233. Alfred Wyatt
234. Robert Yancy

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