

Sylvia Martha Scott

Mrs. Bertha Allen Birthday Tea

October 30, 1960

Oakland, Calif.

Guest of Honor Mrs. Bertha Allen

Members of California Native Daughters

And friends :-

We are meeting today at this Tea to celebrate the 75th., birthday anniversary of our Mrs. Bertha Allen.

And if Lincoln does not mind, may I say that it is very fitting and proper for us to do this.

Mrs. Allen has been the personal inspiration and leader to our people and all people for over fifty years and we are happy to note that there is every indication that she will continue to be an inspiration to a great many more.

It would not take long or require many fingers to count the various organizations and enterprizes to which Mrs. Allen did not ~~at one time or another~~ belong at one time or another.

But it would certainly take a great deal of time and a book-length treatise to comprehensively list all of the numerous clubs, associations, leagues and other forms of ~~educational~~ educational, welfare and cultural organizations' <sup>with</sup> ~~to~~ which she ~~has~~ is now or in the past has been identified.

Mrs. Allen and her people date from the Covered Wagon Days of California, her father having settled in Visalia, on Government land in ~~1876~~ 1875.

~~MrxxAllen~~

~~Mrxx~~

Mrs. Allen's father, Mr. G.M. Mathews once filed suit against the California State Board of Education, won the suit and as the result of this inspired litigation, Mrs. Allen's brother was the first Negro pupil to enter a California public High school.

Besides being a co-founder of the Native Daughters, Mrs. Allen is now or has been identified with the County Welfare League, The Alameda County <sup>a</sup> League of ~~WomenxVotersxVotersx~~ Women Voters, which organization was instrumental in getting Colored girls admitted to Highland Hospital as Nurse trainees.

Mrs. Allen had been active in the California State Association of Colored Women's Clubs for 45 years. She is a member of the Imperial Art and the Mother's Charity ~~associations~~ <sup>clubs</sup> as well as the East Bay Industrial League to secure more employment for Negroes.

During the depression years Mrs. Allen was very active in many of the organizational set-ups created by President Roosevelt to fight the ~~depress~~ depression and create ~~jobs~~ more employment for our people.

The California Native Daughters whom I represent to day <sup>delighted</sup> ~~are happy~~ indeed to celebrate with ~~MrxxAllenix~~ Mrs. Allen her 75th., ~~birthdayanniversary~~ anniversary and wish her many, many happy returns of the day.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BERTHA WYSINGER ALLEN  
ON HER SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 1960

FRIEND TO FRIEND

\* Friend, we've passed another marker  
On the highway of the years;  
We have seen a bit of laughter  
And perhaps our share of tears,  
But we're bigger, broader-minded  
Than we were a while ago,  
Though we thought then we were perfect  
And knew all there was to know.

Now we're older, Friend, and learning  
As we travel down the track,  
Matters once so all-important  
Shrink in size as we look back;  
Little things like friends and friendships  
Gave us not a worry then,  
Now to us the thing most priceless  
Is the fellowship of men.

That is why, Old Friend, we cherish  
On the throne within our hearts,  
Everything that makes our friendship  
Of our life a living part;  
And when we say "We love you"  
As we clasp you by the hand,  
Friend, we mean we love you  
As only friends can understand.

Ada H. Jackson, Past State Pres.

most cordially and  
affectionately,

Jennie Jackson  
Coppin Club  
Founded June 20, 1899

\* Adapted from  
poem by C.E.P. in  
Food for Thought.

Lillian B. Morrow - Ch. Business  
Dorothy Sattliff - Vice-pres.  
Maggie Barry Rec. Secy.  
May Dightmon - Christmas Savings  
Martel Meneweather - State Supt.

Ruth Lasaterway, pres.  
Blanche Handy, vigilance chairman  
Bora G. Beckford, Bedentral Secy.  
Beatrice Skaggs, Cor. Secy.  
Aquilla Robinson - Treasurer  
Clara Taylor - Ch. International Peace

OUR BIRTHDAY WISH FOR YOU, MRS. ALLEN.

October 30, 1960

May FAITH go with you through the years--

That realizes God is near.

May HOPE go with you through the years

To light your way and give you cheer.

May LOVE go with you through the years--

The love that casteth out all fear.

May CHRIST Himself be near to bless

With peace and joy and true success.

This is our greeting and our prayer--

God keep you daily in His care!

Prayerfully,

GOLDEN NUGGETS CLUB

(Sponsored by the California Native  
Daughters Club)

*Melba M. Mills, Pres.*

*Jacquetta L. Wadden, Asst. Sec.*

\* (Adapted from poem  
by Dr. W. J. Thompson)

*Sharon Parks, Chaplain*