

Alfred Omega Guthrie (1872-1952)

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Alfred O. Guthrie

**Who's Who Of The Colored Race: A General Biographical
Dictionary of Men and Women of African Descent, Volume I,
Frank Lincoln Mather, editor (Chicago, 1915) pp.126-127:**

GUTHRIE, Alfred Omega, principal high school; born at Kerr, Ohio, May 2, 1872; son of William and Nancy (Stewart) Guthrie; grad. Woodward High School, Cincinnati, 1884; married Rebecca Friason, of Cincinnati, 1892; 2 children: Elsie O., Friason U. Principal of Western High School at Owensboro, Ky., since 1896. Republican. Baptist. Mason; member Order Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, Court of Calanthe. Address: 1015 E. 6th St., Owensboro, Ky.



**Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 9 November 1997, p.1G
& 11 October 1998, p.3E; and Daviess County, Kentucky,
1815-2015, Celebrating Our Heritage, Daviess County
Bicentennial Committee (Evansville, IN:
M. T. Publishing Company, Inc., 2015) p.123:**



The Western High School Class of 1911 is shown here. Seated, left to right, are Lucille Marie Hunter, O.A. [sic] Guthrie (principal), Delphene Mosley and Ethel C. Hall. Standing, left to right, are Theresia (Babe) Wilhite, Levi James, Rida Virginia McMickens, Emma Ernestine Edwards, Elmo Bean and Esther Jane Richardson.



Guthrie Family Notes

Alfred Omega Guthrie was born 2 May 1872 Gallia County, OH. He was the son of William Lee Guthrie (1824-1921) and Nancy Ann Stewart (1834-1919). His parents were born in Halifax County, Virginia. In the marriage records of Halifax County, VA it is recorded that William Guthridge married Nancy Stewart on 28 October 1850. They appear as free blacks in the 1850 census of Halifax County, VA (Guthridge) and 1860 census of Gallia County, Ohio (Guthrie). They are buried in the Buck Ridge Cemetery, in Gallia County, Ohio.

Alfred O. Guthrie is listed in the following census records:

- 1880 census of Gallia County, OH – listed with parents
- 1900 census of Owensboro, Daviess County, KY – listed as school teacher
- 1910 census Owensboro, Daviess County, KY – listed as school principal
- 1920 census of Owensboro, Daviess County, KY – listed as school principal
- 1930 census of Kansas City, Jackson County, MO – listed as insurance agent
- 1940 census of Kansas City, Jackson County, MO – listed as insurance salesman
- 1950 census of Kansas City, Jackson County, MO – listed with no occupation

Alfred O. Guthrie married Susan Rebecca Fryason / Friason (1876-1948) on 3 June 1896 in Hamilton County, OH; they had two children – Elsie Olivia Guthrie Travis (1897-1953) & Friason Ulysses Guthrie (1900-1920, accidentally drowned).



Alfred O. Guthrie and Rebecca Friason

Alfred Guthrie lived in Owensboro, KY during 1896-1924. He served as a teacher and principal in Owensboro’s colored schools. He was principal of the Eastern Colored School during 1900-1904 and of the Western High School 1904-1922. He was appointed to the latter position on 3 June 1904. He died 26 April 1952 in Kansas City, Jackson County, MO. He was buried the United Colored American Cemetery in Madisonville, Hamilton County, OH.



The Kansas City Sun, Kansas City, MO, Saturday, 26 January 1924, p.5:

Mr. A. O. Guthrie who has been located in Kansas City as the representative of the National Benefit Association of Washington, D. C., has taken up his residence at 2423 Montgall. His family has joined him and he expects to be in Kansas City permanently.



The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, MO, Sunday, 27 April 1952, p.18A:

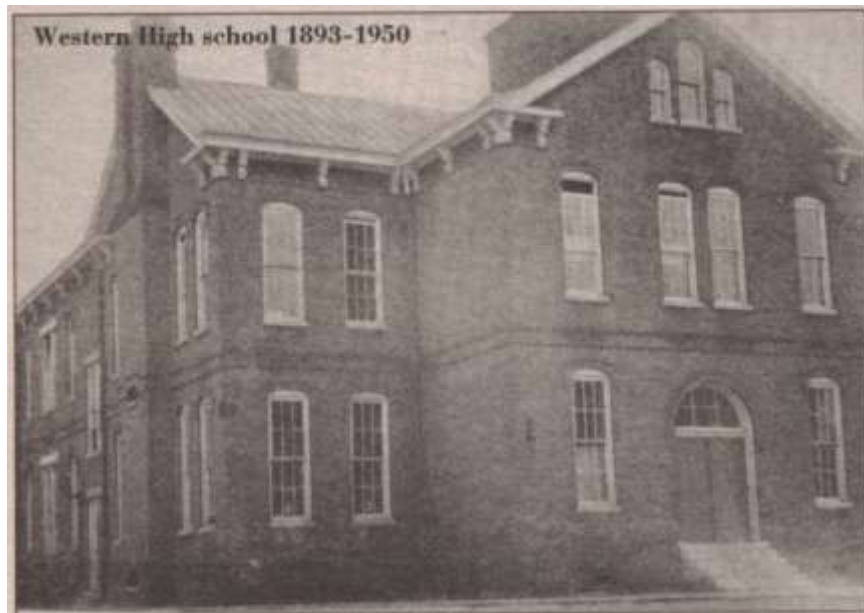


A. O. Guthrie, 79 years old, for many years an agent here for the Atlanta Life Insurance company, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Victor Travis, 2501 Flora avenue, after an illness of several years.

Mr. Guthrie had served in the field of education and for twenty years was principal of the Western high school in Owensboro, Ky. He moved to Kansas City in 1924. He was born in Gallia County, Ohio. Besides the daughter, he leaves a son, Jerry Guthrie, Cincinnati; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services and burial will be at Cincinnati.



A. O. Guthrie principal of the Western High School, Owensboro, KY, in 1911



Western High School, 820 West 3rd St. Erected in 1887 with additions in 1894, 1906 and 1936-37.

