Each time I sit down to type this column I forget to mention the black heritage. She was the Manager of the Black History Center, of which I am the executive director. I will attempt to bring, up to date as just that we are doing now and what we will be doing in the future. The center is located in the Powers Building where we maintain an office to serve the people of the community. The center purchased a building last year at the city auction from the funds raised from the concert given by Curtis Jackson, baritone and Norwood K. Banks, concert pianist, at the Xerox auditorium. With the money we did not raise enough to clear our debts, but we were able to pay five hundred dollars on our bank debt of over two thousand dollars which still is due. We are, therefore, in need of some rental from a young man who rents the storefront for a used furniture store, named Gray's Furniture Store, 442 West Oakland, Calif. After where another funeral service was held.

From 1948 to 1965, he sold real estate, bought and managed his own properties, sold homes to black and white companies. In the late 90's, and through to the later 60's he was court administrator in the City Court; became an outstanding civil rights leader and group organizer, and today is the recognized director and mentor of the Frederick Douglass Hand Center, of which I am the executive director. Mr. Warfield has served this community for the twenty years he has been in our community. Governor Rockefeller appointed him Commissioner of the Human Rights Division. He was the first black lawyer who was appointed in that capacity in our city. He was the lawyer who helped get Judge Reuben Davis, Jr. to win the case. The reader will note redundancy in this biographical sketch but this is the manner in which his life has proceeded. His motivation and dedication to the cause and admiration of some of his associates. He was honored, Number One, but this is not the time for enemies to be talking. In 1960 he was appointed by the mayor of Rochester to represent the city at the American Negro Exposition in Chicago, Ill., which was recommended for the Wilson Helping Hand Center, of which I am the executive director. Mr. Warfield is the present Pastor of the Virginia Wilson Helping Hand Center. Music will be directed by Ms. Dolores Stewart. In our next issue the full program will be published back in 1939 by Robert E. Warfield was the author of the autobiography, "One with God is A Majority" — F. Douglass. It is now late in the year 1978, and Howard Wilson Colus is one of the most well-known blacks in the world. He published THE VOICE, in fact, it's bigger and better, he still reads many times for the weekly radio program on WSAY, and his tenacity and resolve are just as rich as ever. In order to complete this biography I refer to relate, to state how from 1948 through 1965, he sold real estate, bought and managed his own properties, sold homes to black and white companies.
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The Lincoln Day Call*

February 12, 1909

The celebration of the Centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, widespread and grateful as it may be, will fail to justify itself if it takes no note of and makes no recognition of the colored men and women for whom the Great Emancipator labored to assure freedom. Besides a day of rejoicing, Lincoln's birthday in 1909 should be one of taking stock of the nation's progress since 1865.

How far has it lived up to the obligations imposed upon it by the Emancipation Proclamation? How far has it gone in assuring to each and every citizen, irrespective of color, the equality of opportunity and equality before the law, which underlie our American institutions and are guaranteed by the Constitution?

If Mr. Lincoln could revisit this country in the flesh, he would be disheartened and discouraged. He would learn that on January 1, 1909, Georgia had rounded out a new confederacy by disfranchising the Negro, after the manner of all the other Southern States. He would learn that the Supreme Court of the United States, supposedly a bulwark of American liberties, had refused every opportunity to pass squarely upon this disfranchisement of millions, by laws avowedly discriminatory and openly enforced in such manner that the white men may vote and black men be without a vote in their government; he would discover, therefore, that taxation without representation is the lot of millions of wealth-producing American citizens, in whose hands rests the economic progress and welfare of an entire section of the country.

He would learn that the Supreme Court, according to the official statement of one of its own judges in the Berea College case, has laid down the principle that if an individual State chooses, it may "make it a crime for white and colored persons to frequent the same market place at the same time, or appear in an assemblage of citizens convened to consider questions of a public or political nature in which all citizens, without regard to race, are equally interested."

In many states Lincoln would find justice enforced, if at all, by judges elected by one element in a community to pass upon the liberties and lives of another. He would see the black men and women, for whose freedom a hundred thousand of soldiers gave their lives, set apart in trains, in which they pay first-class fares for third-class service, and segregated in railway stations and in places of entertainment; he would observe that State after State declines to do its elementary duty in preparing the Negro through education for the best exercise of citizenship.

Added to this, the spread of lawless attacks upon the Negro, North, South, and West—even in the Springfield made famous by Lincoln—often accompanied by revolting brutalities, sparing neither sex nor age nor youth, could but shock the author of the sentiment that "government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth."

Silence under these conditions means tacit approval. The indifference of the North is already responsible for more than one assault upon democracy, and every such attack reacts as unfavorably upon whites as upon blacks. Discrimination once permitted cannot be bridled; recent history in the South shows that in forging chains for the Negroes the white voters are forging chains for themselves. "A house divided against itself cannot stand;" this government cannot exist half slave and half free any better today than it could in 1861.

Hence we call upon all the believers in democracy to join in a national conference for the discussion of present evils, the voicing of protests, and the renewal of the struggle for civil and political liberty.

*Written by Oswald Garrison Villard and signed by him and 59 other outstanding men and women of both races.
Inappropriate Games

During the last weeks in December, Mr. Coles has been the recipient of citations and plagues from the United States Navy for his outstanding community work, and from the YMCA for his leadership in its capital fund drive.

After delivering the informing sketch, he has returned to his office which is now located at 51 Atkinson Street in Rochester, New York, and still conducts his weekly radio program on WSNY, that started in 1938, and has continued to conduct the program through the past 27 years. It is impossible to close this biography in any way but to say simply, "Mr. Coles is busy."
The Frederick Douglass Years:
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An Introduction

By CRAIG WALKER

Before getting to the crux of who I am, and why I’m writing, let me thank Mr. Howard Coles and Mildred Johnson for allowing and encouraging my knowledge to the Frederick Douglass Voice. A little background should help here. My background has been rich, colorful and exciting. Having grown primarily from being reared in foster homes and institutions to having the respect of some of Rochester’s most influential and powerful people.

This growth includes being a burn and criminal to a “top” salesman for B. Forman Company and the Goodyear Tire Co. in Akron, Ohio. Most important was the profound discovery of God and the Savior Jesus Christ. Included in my history is being “black” (not that it has changed, mind you). Being one of Rochester’s top country and western radio announcers on WSAY 1370 AM, the same station that Howard Coles plays vignettes of 1868 on Saturday mornings. These articles which you will read in every issue of the VOICE will have a foundation built around a philosophy, a YES WE CAN article.

Together, we will discover and explore the areas of Real Estate, Consumer, Finances, Business, Employment, Housing plus General Information with editorial comment that hits home.

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