

Gooden Family History in Dayton, Ohio

Warner W. Gooden Jr, (3rd generation), moved his family from Mullens W.Va. to Dayton Ohio in 1955. Warner and his wife Ida Mae came to Dayton with 5 children born in Mullens, W. VA. And later had one, (Robert), who was born in Dayton in 1956. In the late 1950s Warner was ordained as a Baptist minister by Rev R.C. Dillard, of the Valley Grove Baptist Church; in 1962 the family joined the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. In the early 1960s they welcomed Merriweather Gooden his wife Beverly Geraldine Barber and family to Dayton from Mullens West Virginia. In the mid to late 1960s, Barbra Valentine Barnett and husband Ben moved to Dayton. After her first pregnancy they decided to move back to Virginia to be closer to home. The first decedent of many in the 5th generation to be born in Dayton was Brian E. Gooden, son of Warner III, who was born June 3, 1969.

In 1979 Rev. Warner Gooden Jr. past away, he was the first of Warner Sr.'s children to die and the first time all of his siblings were in Dayton at the same time. Also in attendance at his funeral were three of the 2nd generation aunts, Irene Crutchfield, Madelyn Taylor, and Julia Ellen Golphin, Henry Gooden later moved to Dayton before he passed in the 1990s, so as of this date in the year 2008 all of the children of Warner W Gooden Sr. (3RD generation) are deceased with the three brothers Henry, Warner and Merriweather all buried in Dayton., Ohio. Warner Jr.'s children, (4th generation), are all in Dayton, Ohio with his grandchildren, (5th generation), all scattered between Ohio, Georgia and California. Merriwether has two Daughters in Dayton, Ohio and one in Baltimore, Maryland. Henry's children are all in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / New Jersey area.