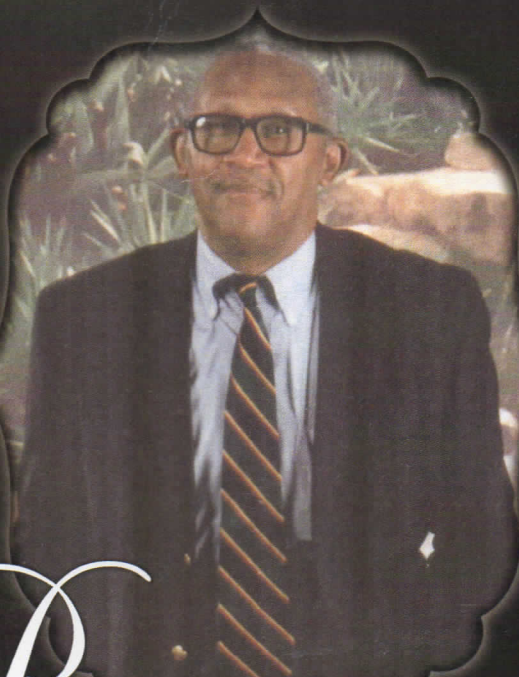


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Raymond
F. TRENT

03.24.1932

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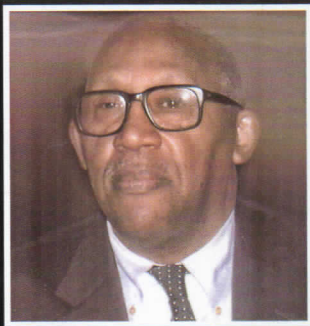
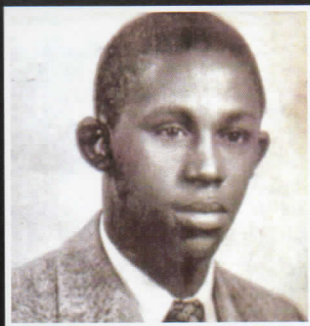
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

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In his youth, being guided by his parents, Raymond's spiritual journey began at the First Baptist Church of Darby under the pastorate of the late Reverent Fletcher Williams.



Raymond was educated in the Darby Public School system from K-12. As a juvenile, he became uniquely interested in chemistry and it earned him the nickname, "Doc," but his frequent experiments with a chemistry set, bought as a gift from his parents, cost him the loss of his right eye when an experiment went awry. He went on to graduate from Darby High School in the class of 1951. He matriculated at Cheyney State Teacher's College and received a bachelor's degree in Education in 1958.

Raymond's other passion was information gathering on the Black Experience in America. He acquired a relentless appetite for this elusive data on African Americans and so began his collecting of thousands of footnotes, articles, periodicals, tapes and more.



In 1964, Raymond joined the staff at the University of Pennsylvania's Biddle Law Library initially in a part-time capacity but shortly afterwards became permanent and eventually earned the title of Senior Library clerk. At the Library, he realized that he could feed his appetite for information gathering; information that he freely passed on to any student, scholar, or faculty member who sought it, for dissertations or other study.

After 25 years of collecting, the University of Pennsylvania took one portion of Raymond's life's work to create the "Raymond F. Trent Collection on the Black Lawyer in America. Another portion of his overall collection became part of the Blockson Collection at Temple University. Historian Charles Blockson has referred to Raymond as "one of the foremost bibliographers in the country."

In 1962, Raymond met and later married Gwendolyn Scott of Philadelphia no children were born of this union but Raymond passes a rich legacy on to generations of nieces and nephews.

In January 2014, Raymond retired from UOP Biddle Law Library but was later invited back to be honored, on October 19, 2016, with a portrait unveiling by the faculty staff and alumni at an elegant dinner affair. Raymond's portrait now rests alongside images of esteemed graduates and supporters of Penn Law.

Until the end, Raymond was courageous, determined and honorable even in the face of his struggle with a debilitating illness. Moments spent in his presence, will be forever cherished. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gwendolyn and a host of nieces and nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends.

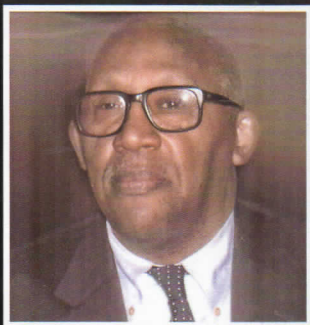
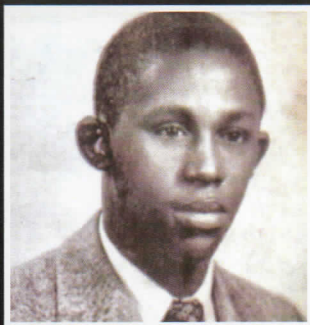


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