

ISAIAH WALLACE by Arlene Gordon

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(Son of Charles and Annie Wallace)

Isaiah was a stone mason and plasterer. "Times were hard after the war. Many times all we had to eat was a little potlicker made from cross salot or some other greens," Isaiah said. "But it tasted mighty good."

Isaiah plastered 49 homes in Culpeper Co. and 35 in Rappahannock and he built 71 flues.

I don't remember a lot about him because I was a little girl but I remember that he and Aunt Lila lived in a house on the road in Woodville. Had a cane and he would take that cane and hook it around my neck and say "come here girl, let me see you." I visited him and my aunt Lila a few times and don't remember much more than that not liking the feel of that cane around my neck.

Aunt Lila was his second marriage. She was a Dangerfield from Eggsbornsville, Va and she was a school teacher. Thus he became involved in working to "get schools for my people." He and my dad, Clarence and others were very involved in getting the school at Scrabble which was completed in 1922.

Isaiah was involved in a serious car accident where he received a fractured skull, a broken jaw, his teeth all knocked out, an injured arm and something happened to his neck. He never went to the hospital but was never able to work as before.