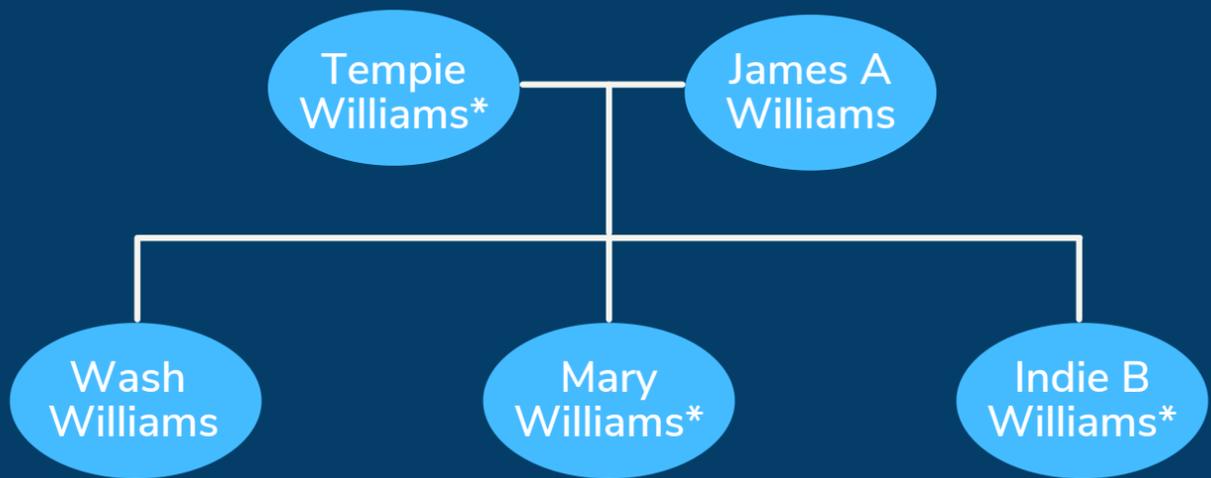


# The Families of: Wash, Mary and Indie B Williams



\* represents female

## Successes and Struggles

### Wash Williams

- George Washington Williams, nicknamed Wash
- Birth: around 1898
- Death: died of pulmonary tuberculosis in 1924
- Marriage: Laura Williams (mentioned in death report)
- Struggles:
  - Misidentified WWI draft card as his, but it was the wrong person
  - Unable to locate marriage or birth certificates or any children
- Conclusion/ending point of research: We eventually decided to focus our research efforts on locating living descendants of his sister Mary, especially since Wash was so young when he died, making him less likely to have offspring.

### Mary Williams\*

- Birth: December 26th, 1901
- Marriage: Jack Towns (November 23rd, 1919)
- Death: June 7th, 1942
- Successes:
  - Finding a marriage certificate for her and Jack Towns
  - Finding all 10 children
- Struggles:
  - Mary's daughter Tempie's marriage license showing the mother of the bride as Pealia Towns.
  - Identifying the right Jack Townes
- Conclusion:
  - Jack Townes got remarried to Pealia when Mary died

### Indie B Williams\*

- Birth: around 1904-1905 in Norlina, North Carolina
- Death: June 4th, 1929
- Marriage: Alexander Millam
- Struggles:
  - We did find that she was also listed under another name "Maie" Williams which made us wonder if she possibly changed her name after she got married.
  - There was no report of her and her husband, Alexander Millam, ever having children.
- Conclusion: Like with Indie's sibling Wash, we decided to redirect our focus to Mary and trying to find her living descendants.

## Moving Forward

Throughout our journey, we have found many new resources to use that broaden our research on the Williams family and finding new information. Resources we have used include, but are not limited to, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, DigitalNC.org, as well as FamilyEcho.com to organize our research. In the future, we would hope that the future participants are able to use these resources to assist them in finding further information on this family to find a possible living descendant through looking more into the children of Mary and by possibly finding more information on Wash and Indie as well.

## ANTH 370: Southern Legacies: The Descendants Project

This class aims to bring about an antiracist social change through research and conversations. In this class, we look at African Americans who have been lynched in Warren County to find their living descendants, finding out as much information as we can on the family. We further conduct interviews with any living descendants found in order to learn about their experiences and what struggles they may face in their lives.

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