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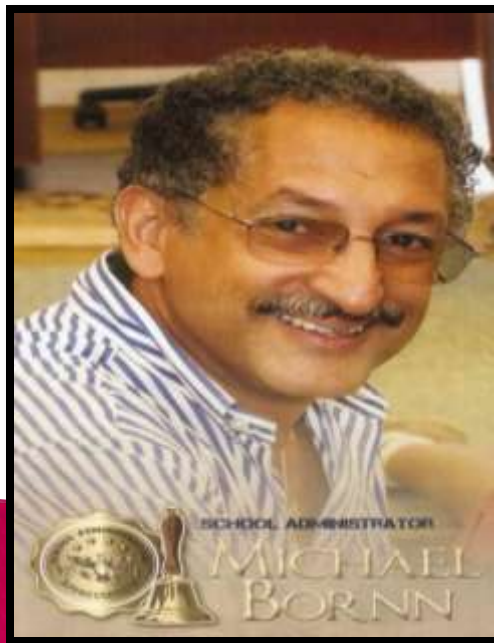
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*Transferred
Mrs. Forde & Mr. Edwards*

**ADDELITA CANRYN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(STJ)**



**Lisa A. Hassell-Forde
Principal**



**Alcede Edwards
Assistant Principal**



**Judy King-Edmeade
Assistant Principal**

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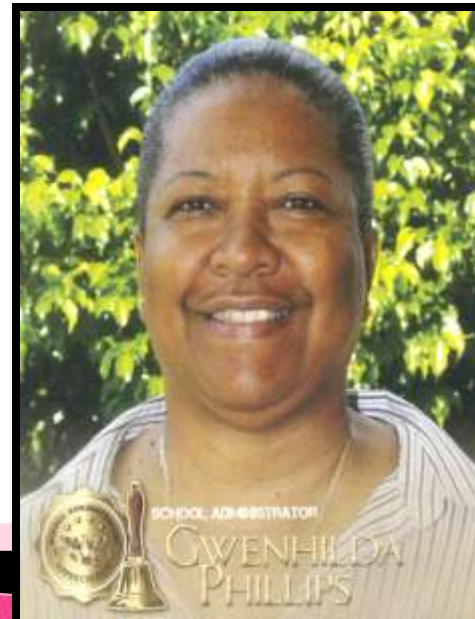
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**Joan Claxton
Principal**



**Gwenhilda Phillips
Assistant Principal**

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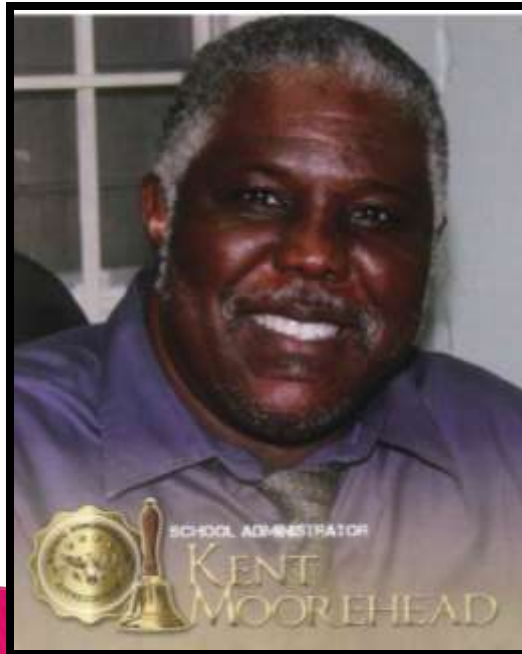
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Mr. Moorehead & Ms. Ross*



**Kent Moorehead
Principal**



**Cheru Ross
Assistant Principal**

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Mr. Jurgen & Mr. Richardson
Transferred
Ms. Petrus*

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(STT)**



**Stefan Jurgen
Principal**



**Joel Buchanan
Assistant Principal**

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**April Petrus
Assistant Principal**

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Assistant Principal**



**Erma V. Skelton
Assistant Principal**

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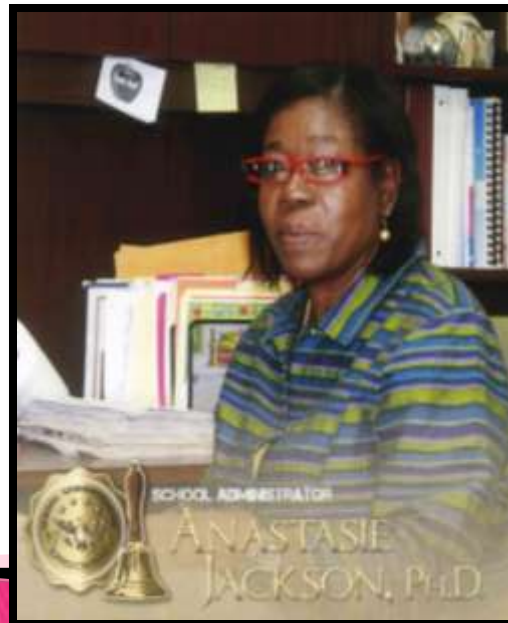
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**CLAUDE O. MARKOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dr. Jackson*



**Anastasie Jackson, Ph.D.
Principal**

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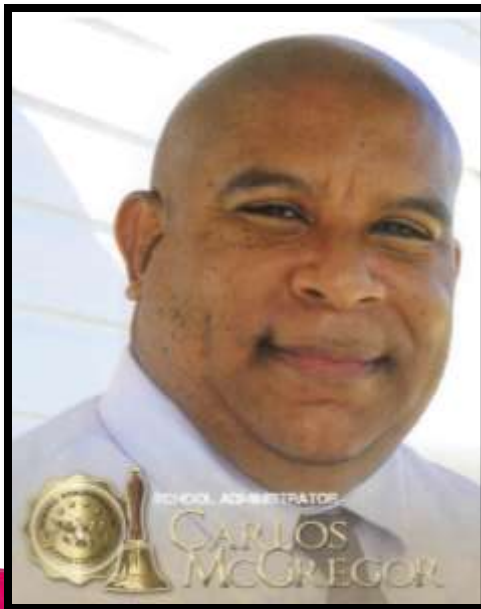
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**ELENA L. CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(STX)**

*Correction
Ms. Richards*



**Carlos McGregor
Principal**



**Genitta Richards
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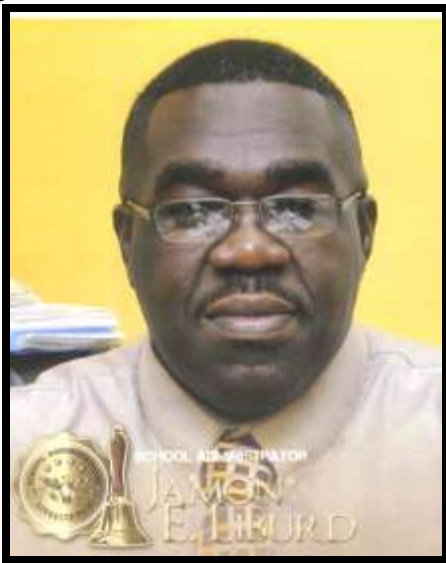
**Bill Sinfield
Headmaster**

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*Promoted
Ms. Jackson-Tyson*

**JOSEPH A. GOMEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(STT)**



**Jamon E. Liburd
Principal**

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**Ellen A. Francois
Principal**

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**MANOR SCHOOL
(STX)**

*In Memory of
the late*



Judith C. Gadd
Headmistress

May 1st:

1976:

The US House Interior Committee authorized a \$76 million loan to the Virgin Islands.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Daily News 50th Anniversary, page A-105

Picture: <http://appropriations.house.gov/>

May 2nd:

2005:

CaribNet News announced the US Virgin Islands began participating in a national, mainland initiative in 2001 called The Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT report. Its purpose is to evaluate the same factors to determine whether quality of life is improving, or getting worse for children and families. This information assists service agencies, as well as other planning groups, charged with assisting residents of the VI community. The 2004 report, which was recently made available to the USVI public, and mainland policy makers, included rates of juvenile crime, low birth-weight infants, poor families with children under the age of 18 years, teens ages 15-19, who die because of accident, suicide, or homicide.



THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

Courtesy of:

Text: <http://www.caribbeannewsnow.com/caribnet/2005/05/02/status.shtml>

Picture: <http://www.aecf.org/work/kids-count/>

May 3th:

1916:

Carmen Maria Dunlop-Harrigan was born on St. Thomas. She was skilled in sewing, cooking, baking and became gainfully employed as a housemaid. Later she worked at Bluebeard's Castle Hotel in the housekeeping department and steadily rose as head.



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May 4th:

2013:

USVI Jockey Kevin Krigger made history as only the first black jockey to ride in the 139th Running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky since 1902. The 29-year-old Krigger, who hails from St. Croix had some success on the smaller Northern California circuit before trying his luck in the big leagues of Los Angeles. He was Jockey of the Year at Emerald Downs in 2005.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://www.newsamericasnow.com/usvi-jockey-makes-history-but-dr-national-takes-the-win/>

Picture: <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/78024/krigger-aims-for-derby-history-on-goldencents>

May 5th:

1923:

George Irvine Henley was born in Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, BVI. As a resident of St. Thomas, his first job was with Mr. Denton at the Denton's Corner Store in Hospital Ground. He was later employed at the Frenchman's Wharf (now the West Indian Company) for 40 years first as a laborer and then promoted up the rank of foreman.



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May 6th:

1964:

A proposal for 25 acres of government-owned land at Estate Nadir in eastern St. Thomas that would be advertised for bids for middle-income families homes was approved by the Legislature.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Sunday Journal, May 10, 1964, page 1

Picture:

http://www.frm2.tum.de/en/aktuelles/news/singlenews/select_category/37/article/deadline-fuer-die-einreichung-von-proposals-06-mai-2011/back/1661/index.html

May 7th:

1979:

Resolution #973 was passed to confer the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor to Charles and David Pearsall for their heroic rescue of seven Antilles Airboat crash survivors.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislature Archives

Picture: <http://www.seaborneairlines.com/about-us/our-story/>

May 8th:

1964:

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare transferred 123 acres and eight buildings to the College of the Virgin Islands (CVI). Governor Ralph Paiewonsky, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustee, accepted the land on behalf of the CVI at the Student Center Building.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Home Journal, May 15, 1964, page 1

Picture: <http://www.uvi.edu/administration/about-uvi/history.aspx>

May 9th:

1924:

Ivan Milton ‘Busun’ George was born on St. Thomas. After receiving an honorable discharge from the US Army, he sought and gained employment at the Government Printing Office for over 30 years. He was an outstanding athlete, who played volleyball, basketball, and indoor games. He was also a phenomenal pitcher in softball.



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May 10th:

1964:

Assistant Commissioner H. W. Goeggel attended the week long 13th Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Tourist Association, as the official delegate of the Government of the Virgin Islands.



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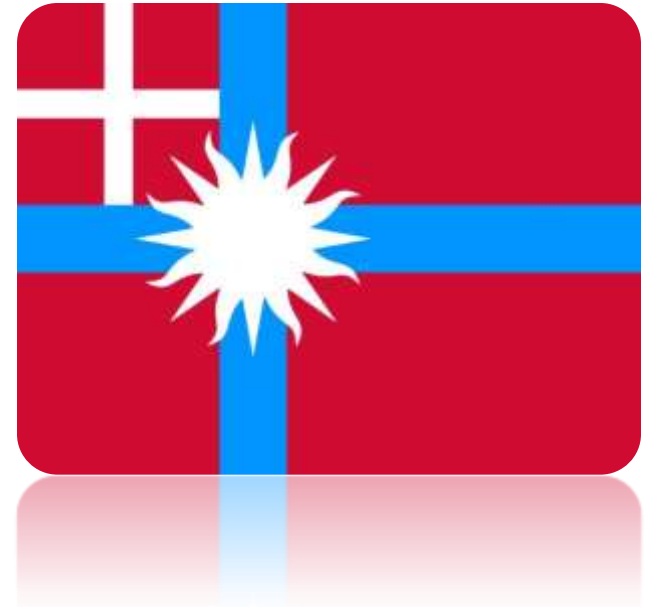
Text: The Sunday Journal, May 10, 1964, page 1

Picture: <http://www.iipt.org/newsletter/2010/january.html>

May 11th:

1778:

The Royal Danish West India Trading Company was chartered, in part to handle the European trade. This was due to a 1777 regulation that required all products from the Danish West Indies be sent to Denmark first, thereby preventing the sugar trade from being diverted.



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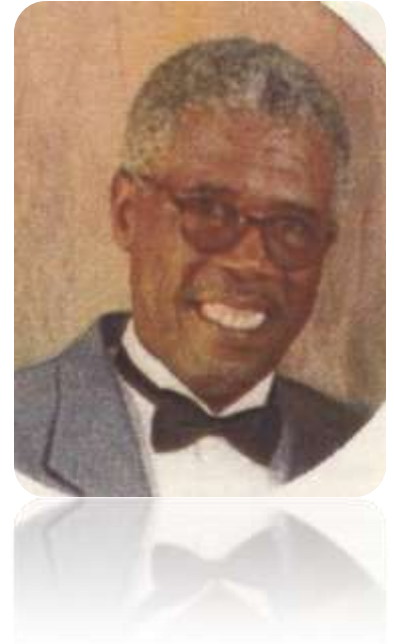
Text:

Picture: <http://leoninia.deviantart.com/art/Danish-West-India-Company-354642860>

May 12th:

1935:

John James Mulcare was born in Monsterrat. After relocating to St. Thomas, he gained employment at the West Indies Corporation. In a quest for betterment, he became the proprietor of Emerald Beauty Supplies.



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May 13th:

1943:

Linda Alicia Stagger Goodluck was born on St. Thomas, VI. As a practical nurse and a registered nurse, she worked as a nurse at Knud Hansen Hospital. Coupled with her being an educator as well, she worked in areas of Nursing and Education, such as Public Health, School Nurse, Community Health, and Post Graduate Center for Mental Health.



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May 14th:

1945:

Rubina Olympia Jackson-Rogers was born in Savan, St. Thomas, USVI. She was enlisted in the US Army and was honorably discharged. Shortly after she enlisted in the VI National Guard, where she served diligently for 20 years as Staff Sergeant with several commendations until retirement. She worked for several agencies, such as Carib Gas Corporation, Department of Social Welfare and Conservation, VI National Guard, and Veteran's Administration.



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May 15th:

1932:

Cleomean Leona DeGraffe-Thomas was born on St. Thomas. Specializing in local cuisine, she was a master in preparing mutton, dove pork, pumpkin and rice, and boiled fish and fungi. She was employed at Bramer Vee Links Watch Company for a few years in the 60's. In the 1970's, she worked full-time for the Department of Education as a paraprofessional.



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May 16th:

1994:

Act #1516 was passed to honor and commend Ambassador Terence Alphonso Todman. This was a testimony of his public service upon his retirement from the Diplomatic Service and for his continuing years of service, as a member of the board of trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture: <http://www.islandsun.com/premier-pays-tribute-on-passing-of-u-s-ambassador-t-a-todman/>

May 17th:

1964:

Florina Olive, head nurse at Knud-Hansen Hospital, was honored as Mother of the Year by the Frenchtown Civic Association. The event took place at the Catholic High School by the St. Anne's and Holy Name Societies.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Sunday Journal, May 17, 1964, page 1

Picture: <http://stthomassource.com/content/news/local-news/2011/12/24/st-annes-chapel-marks-90-years-frenchtown>

May 18th:

1923:

A committee of Rothschild Francis, Lionel Roberts, George Moorehead, and Adolph Sixto was appointed to plan a protect demonstration against the US Supreme Court's ruling. It ruled no foreign or domestic vessels inside the Territorial waters could have intoxicating beverages on board either as cargo or sea stores for beverages purposes.



Courtesy of:

Text:

Picture: http://webpac.uvi.edu/imls/pi_uvi/profiles1992

May 19th:

1950:

Sonya Deoneicia Nelthropp was born. With her experience as a biologist, educator, engineer, and manager, she was hired as a Technical Assistant to the Commissioner in the Department of Public Works. She later served as Interim Executive Director and then the Chief Planning Officer at the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority.



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May 20th:

1963:

Haille Andra Lawson Edgings was born in Basseterre, St. Kitts. As a keen lover and expert player of cricket, he was an exceptional batsman and wicket-keeping with the West Indian Young Cricketers Team. As a resident of St. Thomas, he was a skillful craftsman who worked in the field of construction.



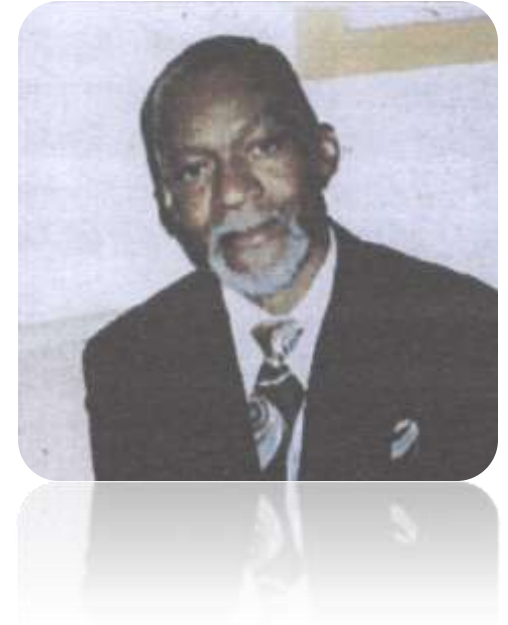
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May 21st:

1935:

Ashley Elmet Williams, Sr. was born on St. Thomas, USVI. He started his employment in the hospitality industry as a bartender at Carib Beach Hotel. In 1952, he joined the U.S. Army and after leaving he joined the Merchant Marines and served for a few years.



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May 22nd:

1964:

Twenty-nine year old Elmo Roebuck, Acting Commissioner in the Housing Department, succeeded Valdemar Hill as Commissioner of Housing and Urban Renewal.



Courtesy of:

Text: The Sunday Journal, May

Picture: <http://stthomassource.com/content/news/local-news/2009/03/19/former-sen-elmo-d-roebuck-dead-74#skip>

May 23rd:

1972:

Setting out to win the Territorial Delegate position he had lobbied to create, Ron De Lugo officially announced his candidacy.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://history.house.gov/People/Detail/12092>

Picture: <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=D000209>

May 24th:

1995:

For the consecutive day, Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center, known as JFL, was granted full three year accreditation and a two year accreditation for the Laboratory and Pathology Department.



Courtesy of:

Text & Picture: <http://www.jflusvi.org/history.php>

May 25th:

1935:

Warren Glanville Durant was born on Peter Island, BVI. As a resident of St. Thomas and while a young man, he operated heavy equipments and did construction. He made a living by fishing and being at sea, which was his passion.



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May 26th:

2011:

Beginning this day the National Museum of Denmark hosted a two day international symposium in Copenhagen on the topic of the preservation of the heritage of the US Virgin Islands, the former Danish West Indies. The Symposium was sponsored by ICOMOS Denmark, the US Embassy in Copenhagen and the Danish West Indian Society.



Courtesy of:

Text & Picture: http://www.tallerlarjas.com/Summary_of_Symposium_1_.pdf

May 27th:

1879:

The Upper House of the Danish Parliament, known as the Landsting, considered a bill requesting assistance for the destitute of Frederiksted. This included the matter of the Labor Riot during these discussions.



Courtesy of:

Text:

Picture: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landsting_\(Denmark\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landsting_(Denmark))

May 28th:

1866:

Governor Birch presented the Colonial Council with a draft ordinance aimed at relaxing contractual relations for immigrant workers from foreign West Indian islands with little consideration for relaxing the same for native laborers.



Courtesy of:

Text: From Serfdom to Fireburn and Strike, Peter Hoxcer Jensen, page 122

Picture: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Chaga_supreme_council_\(colonial_era\).jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Chaga_supreme_council_(colonial_era).jpg)

May 29th:

1876:

Thirty-two year old Emanuel Benjamin Oliver arrived on St. Croix. He became a principal of the St. Croix Dane School and the Frederiksted School, before moving to St. Thomas as principal of Abraham Lincoln School (now J. Antonio Jarvis School).



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May 30th:

1916:

D. Hamilton Jackson was fined 2,000 francs for libel against Governor Helweg-Larsen for an article in The Herald. He accused the Governor of being thirsty for the negroes blood, etc.



Courtesy of:

Text: Rothschild Francis and Freedom of the Press in the USVI Islands, by William W. Boyer, page 3

Picture: <http://www.virgin-islands-history.org/en/fates/d-hamilton-jackson-rebel-and-hero/>

May 31st:

1955:

Beryl Donna Welsh-Carty was born in Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies. She was a secretary and sales clerk at local businesses and several gift shops in St. Thomas. She was gifted in knitting, crocheting, sewing, painting, decorating, cooking, and baking.



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