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... I'm continuing my pursuit from here:

My father's mother, Lillian (Pitts) Jones, was born in Alabama - July 1887, but moved to St. Louis, Mo with her mother, Queen Eccles (Farley), brother George Farley, sister Hattie Pitts, and a younger brother Will Pitts was born in Missouri in 1898. They are all listed in the 1800 Census with mom Queen, Eccles listed as head of family - Black, female, born Dec 1867 age 32 married 3 years with 4 living children. Queen died in 1904 and her mother Harriette Farley died in 1895. Both are shown buried at St. Peters. I do not have Queen's father, Geo Farley's death information, but I wondered if the girl in St. Peter's Georgia Farley was related to them. I'm still researching that. One curious fact is the child buried at St. Peter's, Lillian Q Pitts who's death certificate I found on the internet. She only lived 1 year and 5 months but her parents were not listed. Her place of death is the same as the residence listed for Queen ' 3731 Rutger Street' in St. Louis, Mo. The house address on the 1880 census is 3730 Rutger Street.

I would like to find the birth certificate for the child Lillian Q Pitts who died on June 20, 1903 (born abt Jan 1902 in St. Louis, Mo), buried at St. Peter's cemetery, to determine who her parents were. I have the death certificate.

I would also like to find any records on Queen's husbands. She must have married Mr. Eccles around 1897 (according to 1880 census - married 3 yrs). I don't know his first name but was hoping Howard Eccles in St. Peter's cemetery was part of that puzzle. Unfortunately Howard died in 1892. I did find a newspaper article about Howard's death (suicide - he killed his mistress and himself). Queen first married James Pitts in Alabama but they may have moved to St. Louis. Oral history is that James Pitts was an Irish dentist who befriended Queen and is the mother of Lillian and Will. George and Hattie the older siblings had a different father, in Alabama I suspect. I am unable to find any record of either James Pitts or Mr. Eccles who married Queen.

Burial Search Results St. Peters Cemetery

<u>Location (Section- Block- Lot-Part)</u>	<u>Grave#</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Burial</u>	<u>Funeral Home</u>
<u>5-B- 484.00- (none)</u>	1	Echolds, Queen	35	5/17/1904	
<u>28-I- 32.00- (none)</u>	5	Fields, Queen E	96	9/11/2002	A Layne
<u>24-C- 33.00- (none)</u>	5	Gray, Queen Esther	70	4/26/2001	Ted Foster & Sons

I would also like to find the orphanage my grandmother Lillian Pitts (last name aka Eccles, Echols, Farley) was boarded at. I have two class photos of my grandmother (around age 5 or 6 yrs and around age 10yrs) with a group of negro children and nuns outside the boarding house I sent copies of the pictures to the Catholic diocese in St. Louis, but they were unable to identify the boarding school/orphanage Lillian attended while my great-grandmother worked. I will forward you those photos later this week if you confirm you have research time available.

After Queen Eccles died, Lillian somehow made her way to Baltimore, MD I think with the Oblate Nuns at St. Francis Academy. She married Thomas H. Jones and later moved to Ohio where I currently live. I'm gathering information for our Jones family reunion in July so any details you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

I am so excited to see these pictures ... even without headstones. My ancestors' remains are located here and even though they don't have headstones, this is their burial grounds. Thank you so much for taking the time to go on a clear day. The pictures you took are gorgeous! I can almost feel like I am there. Thank you also for checking with the office for burial information too and marking the locations on the map. I do intend to visit St. Louis one day and when I do, I will know exactly where to go in St. Peter's cemetery.

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