

## HELPING OTHERS TO CONNECT

Sent: **Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:45 PM**

It was so nice to get information from you so quickly. I really appreciate you sending me the links so I can look up information myself. I wonder if there are any photos of the old Taylor mansion so I can compare it to the photos I have. I'll be looking for that online through the city historic buildings photos.



Queen Echols (Echolds)

When I wrote the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1998, they told me they checked baptismal records of St. Elizabeth (Colored) run by the Oblate Sisters of Providence for Lillian Pitts but were unable to find her. They also checked Holy Guardian Angels records unsuccessfully. I don't think they checked under the surname of Eccles or Farley. I find something very interesting though. I always wondered why and how my grandmother (Lillian) moved from St. Louis, Mo to Baltimore. I suspect the transition was made after her mother Queen died in St. Louis in 1904. Through word of mouth I was told my grandmother attended "St. Frances Academy" in Baltimore MD. This is where the archivist of the OSP you referred me to resides so maybe she can confirm if a group of girls (or maybe just my grandmother) was transferred to the Baltimore school and when.

My grandmother Lillian was Catholic. She was married at a Catholic church in Baltimore (St. Barnabus) and she raised her 10 children as practicing Catholics, even though her husband's (Thomas H. Jones) church in Baltimore was Methodist. I don't know the religion of Queen Echols or her parents or siblings. You asked if it is possible that my grandmother Lillian Pitts might be the mother of Lillian Q Pitts. I wondered the same thing as my grandmother Lillian would have been around age 15. Queen would have been around 32 so it's possible that either one was the mother. No offense taken. That's the same question I have.

**For every find there is a mystery and for every answer there is a question.**

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