

## **Honoring the Memory and Legacy of C.L. Daniel, Tulsa Race Massacre Victim**

For the family of C.L. Daniel, today serves as a profound reminder of the enduring power of love, especially a mother's devotion. C.L. Daniel, the youngest of Thomas and Amanda Daniel's seven sons, grew up under the care of a vigilant and dedicated mother. While DNA provided the scientific key to his identity, letters written on Amanda's behalf offered the context and connection that confirmed C.L. was killed in the massacre. Amanda's perseverance in seeking redress serves as clear, indisputable proof that C.L. Daniel was indeed a victim of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

Over the past two years, we have felt as if our ancestors were with us, guiding us and those dedicated to this project.

C.L. Daniel's journey—from his early days in Newnan, Georgia, to his World War I military service, to his tragic end as a victim of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre—has been brought to light thanks to the dedication of his family and a team of committed researchers and scientists. Today represents more than a memorial for C.L. Daniel and those still resting in unidentified graves; it is a long-awaited acknowledgment of lives impacted by the massacre and a testament to the resilience of the Greenwood community, which has sought recognition and justice for their loved ones over generations. We are profoundly grateful to the Greenwood descendant community.

The family also extends heartfelt gratitude to the City of Tulsa and Mayor G.T. Bynum for their commitment to the 1921 Graves Investigation, which led to the successful identification of C.L. Daniel. This investigation has provided acknowledgment and recognition for the families of those lost, empowering voices that have long been silenced. It is our sincerest hope that this project continues well into the future.

The family wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank the scientists at Intermountain Forensics Lab and the entire investigative genetic genealogy team, especially Janel Daniels and Alison Wilde. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to Dr. Phoebe Stubblefield, Director of Forensic Anthropology from the University of Florida, and Dr. Kary Stackelbeck, State Archaeologist from the University of Oklahoma and their staff, for their tireless work. These teams have illuminated C.L. Daniel's story, reinstating his place in history and preserving his memory for future generations.

On behalf of C.L. Daniel's great-nieces and nephews, we thank you for honoring the life and memory of our great-uncle. His story and death serve as a reminder for all to remain committed to remembrance, justice, and healing.

In unity and remembrance,

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