**Lewis Adams (1892-???)**

Lewis Adams was born on July 8, 1892 in Miami Township, Yellow Springs, Ohio, the seventh child of Charlie and Lavinia Lawson Adams. His father was injured at a young age, lost his sight, but became a broom maker selling to the local merchants in order to care for his family. Leis was educated in the public school system of Yellow Springs, but also worked at a very young age to help supplement the familiy income and united with the First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon for over fifty years. He also worked as custodian at the original Mills Lawn House that housed the Antioch School.

In 1946 he was employed at Vernay Laboratories, Inc. and retired on August 25, 1961. During these years he became active in civic affairs serving as a member of the Village Council where he authored the 1947 Yellow Springs Accommodations Ordinance which outlawed racial segregation and discrimination in public places in Yellow Springs.

Lewis Adams served on the executive Committee for Racial Equality at its original organizational meeting at Central Chapel AME Church.

Sources: *Yellow Springs News,* November 6, 1947, Vernay Laboratories Newsletter

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