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Below are some general information about other Gourdin(e)s in the news. This section consists of profiles of a few individuals who share our family surname. No declaration is being made to the direct relationship of any of these individuals to our South Carolina family!!!

MEREDITH C. GOURDINE, was born in Newark, New Jersey on September 26, 1929. He is best known for his pioneering work in electro-gasdynamics, a way of producing high-voltage electricity from natural gas.

He received a B.S. degree in Engineering Physics from Cornell University in 1953 and a Ph.D. degree in Engineering Physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1960. Dr. Gourdine pioneered the research of electro-gasdynamics. He was responsible for the engineering technique termed *Incineraid* for aiding in the removal of smoke from buildings.

As head of his own research and development company in New Jersey, Dr. Gourdine and his associates developed a variety of devices: an exhaust-purifying system for cars; equipment for reducing incinerator smoke pollution from older apartment houses; a technique for dispersing fog from airport runways; and a system for production-line coating of metal products. The latter reduces production costs and the amount of pollutants released in the atmosphere.

While employed as chief scientist with the Curtiss-Wright Corp., Dr. Gourdine served on the Presidential Advisory Panel on Energy in 1964. A man of many talents, he held a number of national and international track records. He competed and won a silver medal in track at the 1952 Olympics.

EDWARD ORVAL GOURDIN, was a scholar, athlete, soldier, and judge. He graduated from Harvard College in 1921 - B.A., and Harvard Law School in 1924 - LL.B., and gained fame and national attention as an athlete during his college and university career.

While studying as a law student at Harvard University, Edward held the world's Broad Jump record in 1921. He went on to become a member of the 1924 Olympic team, winning the Bronze Medal in the Broad Jump competition. He was also the National Pentathlon Champ in 1921 & 1924. After college he passed the Bar and practiced law in Boston.

Serving in the Army during World War II, Edward rose to the rank of Colonel, and commanded the famous 372nd (Colored) Infantry Regiment at home and overseas. After the war he continued his law practice and in 1951 was appointed a judge, becoming one of the first Black Judges in the state of Massachusetts.

Edward was born on August 10, 1897, in Jacksonville, FL., the son of Walter Holmes and Felicia Garvin Gourdin. He married Amelia Ponce during 1923 and they had four children: Elizabeth, Ann Robinson, Amelia Lindal, and Edward Orval.

He died on July 22, 1966, in Quincy, MA, and was buried in Cotuit, Cape Cod, MA.

LITTLE ANTHONY AND THE IMPERIALS, is a rock-and-roll group that recorded in three different decades, with different personnel, for different labels, but always came up with a good sound and some good songs.

Jerome Anthony Gourdine was born in the Ft. Greene projects of Brooklyn, NY on January 8, 1940. At age fifteen he joined a doowop group called the Duponts, but it folded a short time later. He then founded his own group and named it the Chesters. After the Chesters recorded one record, and performed at the Apollo, he changed the name to the Imperials.

Little Anthony and the Imperials signed a record deal with End Records. Their first single on that label -- which proved to be their biggest song ever -- was *Tears On My Pillow* in 1958. Two years later they had another top forty song with *Shimmy, Shimmy, Ko-Ko-Pop*. Then the group split up.

In 1964 the group re-formed with a slightly different line-up. They signed with the DCP label and came up with a string of hits in 1964 and 1965: *I'm On The Outside Lookin' In*, *Goin' Out Of My Head*, *Hurt So Bad*, and others. From 1958 to 1974, Little Anthony and the Imperials placed ten songs in the top 100. They recorded for a variety of labels over the years.

During the mid-70's Anthony left the group to go on his own and became a born-again Christian. In 1980 his inspirational album *Daylight* was produced by B. J. Thomas.

More recent, in 1992, Little Anthony and the Imperials held a reunion which proved so popular with fans that they are again touring together. They are one of the few links to the glory days of rock- and-roll.

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