

NO MIDDLE NAME

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by James Collins

"Morris you have to sign this federal application right here and I'll sign below you."

"Okay Nell, give me the pen."

"What you going to sign. Maurice Morris, or Mossy?(Three variations he was called).

"Why I'll sign it using my formal name, Maurice Collins."

"Don't forget your middle name."

"I don't have a middle name."

"What you mean you don't have a middle name?"

"I was never given one."

"But we gave all the children middle names."

"It doesn't matter, they never gave me an middle name."

"Well, as of now, your middle name is Joseph. Sign it. Maurice Joseph Collins."

He did as he was told, and from then on, my father was known as Maurice Joseph Collins until the day he died. The government didn't give him a middle name, but my mother, a higher power, did.

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