

John T. and Bazola Bulls had 11 children; the oldest was John Thomas Bulls, Jr. (1914-2002). John, Jr. attended Bethel AME Church, once located on County Road 69 north of Center Star. He most likely attended Center Star School, which was located off the same road and at one time across the road from Bethel AME Church. After completing the lower grades in Center Star, Bulls went to Burrell High School in Florence. Upon graduation, John T. Bulls, Jr. began an impressive journey of higher education, influenced by his family's agricultural background. He first attended Tuskegee where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. In 1940, he was enumerated in the census back home with his mother and father



(Above) Dr. John Thomas Bulls (Courtesy of the Office of the Mayor, Florence, Alabama) (Top Right) World War II Registration Card for John T. Bulls, Jr. (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Right) World War II Registration Card for John T. Bulls, Jr. (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

SERIAL NUMBER 2129 **ORDER NUMBER** 2163

1. NAME (Print) John Thomas Bulls

2. ADDRESS (Print) 1-Box 159 Killen-Lauderdale Ala

3. TELEPHONE **4. AGE IN YEARS** 26 **5. PLACE OF BIRTH** LAUDERDALE **6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP** U.S.A.

DATE OF BIRTH 4-4-1914 **7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS** BAZOLA - NONE Bulls **8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON** MOTHER

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1-Box 159 Killen-Lauderdale-Ala

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME SNOW HILL Inst

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1- SNOW HILL Wilcox, ALA

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 John Thomas Bulls

(Below) A Passenger List for United States Lines, Outgoing from Southampton, England, UK, July 1954 (The National Archives, England via Ancestry.com) (Bottom) Excerpt of City Directory of Ithaca, New York, 1960 with John and James Ella Bulls (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5 FT, 2 IN	151 #	Sallow
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light
Oriental	Gray	Red	Dark
Indian	Hazel	Brown	Freckled
Filipino	Brown	Black	Light brown
	Black	Gray	Dark brown
		Bald	Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for 19 P. E. Halloran (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration Oct 16, 1940

LOCAL BOARD NUMBER 1 FLORENCE, ALA.

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

REGISTRATION CARD P.M.26 (FORM 342)

Name of Ship: UNITED STATES LINES Date of Departure: 19

Steamship Line: UNITED STATES LINES Where Bound: NEW YORK

B. NON-TRANSMIGRANTS, that is Alien Passengers other than those included under A.

(1) Contract Ticket No.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) LAST ADDRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM	(4) CLASS	(5) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land	(6) Profession, Occupation or calling of Passengers	(7) AGES OF PASSENGERS				(8) Country of which Citizen or Subject	(9) Country of last Permanent Residence †				(10) Country of intended future Permanent Residence †	
						Adults of 12 years and upwards	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	Country of birth		Country of birth	Country of birth	Country of birth			
11398	BULLS John	America	A. C. L.		agriculture	40									1	
	BULLS Juanita	do			Wife	37									1	

" Marion E Mrs h301 S Corn Bulls John (James Ella) grad student CU h408 Stewart av Bulter Karl D h202 E State (705)

in Center Star. He was 25 years old and single, with four years of a college education. He then went to Iowa State University for a Master of Science in vocational education and animal husbandry. Finally, Bulls received his Ph.D. in Extension Education, Rural Sociology, and Public Administration from Cornell University.

Dr. John T. Bulls, Jr. then joined the Air Force during World War II. After the war, on December 23, 1945, he married James Ella Turnley Bulls (1917-2001), a local of west Lauderdale County with a similar and equally impressive upbringing. Ms. James was the daughter of John Westley Turnley (1861-1919). The Turnleys were another African American farming family from the "Bend in the River" where Oakland, Smithsonia, and Rhodesville come together. Turnley's father was a slave and probably son of his mother's master, named Jerry. Jerry Turnley was one of five former slaves who established the Mt. Zion AME Church. When the church needed a new location and building, John W. Turnley, a landowning farmer, provided the land and helped build the building in 1912. Ms. James Ella attended school and church at Mt. Zion as a child and went to Burrell High School in Florence, just a few years behind her future husband.

James Ella also went to Tuskegee, earning her B.S. in Home Economics Education. She then received a Master's in Textile and Clothing with a minor in Costume Design from Cornell University before earning a Ph.D. in Adult Education and Household Equipment from Iowa State University. After graduate school, she was a professor at Alabama A&M in Normal, outside of Huntsville. Dr. James Ella Bulls also taught at Howard University, University of North Alabama, and Tennessee State University at various times in her career. Meanwhile, Dr. John T. Bulls, Jr. had returned from the war, married Ella, and taken up a post with Alabama Cooperative Extension Service as a Colbert County agent. He did this from 1945 to 1952