

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

CHAMBERS OF

CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Personal and Unofficial

January 7, 1991

Mr. William D. Stubbs  
The New Haven Preservation  
Trust  
P.O. Box 1671  
New Haven, CT 06507

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Thank you for your letter of December 24, 1990.

The homes in New Haven where I lived were:

- 207 Day Street where I was born. This residence was demolished some years ago to build the present Dwight Elementary School which I attended. This residence was between Edgewood Avenue and Chapel Street. The new Dwight School is on the site of the house which was near the corner of Chapel Street.
- We lived for a while at 8 Garden Street in the 1930's. That house is still standing. We also lived on Dickerman Street, the number for which I have forgotten.

We have been living since 1953 on University Place in New Haven and which premises are owned by me. The address is number 9 University Place.

My maiden name is Baker. My husband's name is Motley. He was born in Illinois. It therefore does not help to run down Motley in New Haven.

I would like to suggest that it might be more appropriate to designate St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 111 Whalley Avenue, where I was baptised, confirmed, and married as an historic site if that has not already been done. It is perhaps the oldest or second oldest African American congregation in the City and the home church of several other famous New Haveners. I believe the church was founded by the last two women sold as slaves on the New Haven green in 1837.

I hope this is the information which you are seeking.

Sincerely,

*Constance Baker Motley*  
Constance Baker Motley

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