

Viola (“Mother”) Fletcher

Viola Fletcher (“Mother Fletcher”), at 107 years old, is a survivor of the Massacre. One or some of the perpetrators of the Massacre looted and destroyed Mother Fletcher’s neighborhood, caused her and her family to frantically flee Tulsa in fear of their lives with nothing but the clothes on her back, rendered her and her family impoverished for the rest of her life, insecure in her health and sense of safety in the immediate aftermath of the Massacre and caused her to have emotional and physical distress that continues to this day. As she testified in her October 16, 2020 deposition, Mother Fletcher lived through and experiences flashbacks of seeing Black bodies in the street and her neighborhood burning, causing her to constantly relive the terror of May 31 and June 1, 1921. The Massacre left her family without sufficient financial resources to provide the needed physical and emotional support to overcome the terror of the Massacre. Throughout her life, she and her family have struggled financially, emotionally, and socially as a result of the Massacre and its continuing harm.