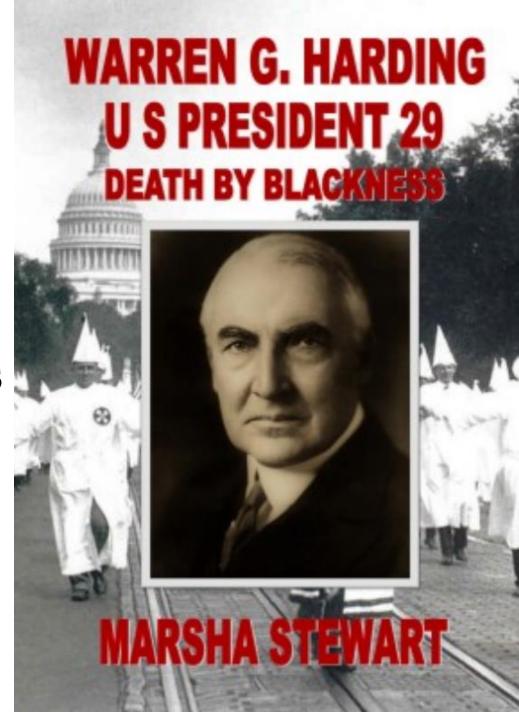
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There may be criticism with what is written within the pages of this book, but before the critic judges harshly, let the explanations be carefully read and considered. The Founding Fathers who framed the US Constitution were responsible for the curse under which my ancestors were born. Names, characters, places, and incidents are either a product of fact and/or the author's imagination. Any resemblance to actual events or locales or persons, living or dead is entirely synchronized.

Readers are not ready for the stuff left out of American history books. References have documented Warren G. Harding's Blackness openly, to surprise, since his Negro ancestry has been squelched since his death in 1923. Moreover, he may have lost his life because of it.

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The Hardings ended up in Payne's Crossing, Hocking County, Ohio. Payne's Crossing was an Underground Railroad stop on the Muskegon River. It was known as a settlement of former slaves who started arriving in the 1830s. The slave masters took their children to the crossing so that they would be free because Ohio was not a slave state. Most of the people who ended up in Payne's Crossing came from Virginia--West Virginia was not a state at that time.

Was he poisoned by his wife? Did he die of a heart attack or stroke? Was he wiped out by the Mob? We believe the US Government did a "1-2 elimination." The question remains: Did he die at his own hand, a heart attack (on record), at the hand of his wife, or from a mysterious government conspiracy because of his BLACKNESS?

Government conspiracies were not uncovered in the 1920s by the press. Televisions, computers, and sophisticated research activities to "hype or sensationalize" a report or story had not been invented.

While growing up in the 1950s and 1960s we were told of our relationship with one of the US presidents. My niece wrote an essay for her senior English class explaining the Black lineage of Warren G. Harding. She explained...."He could only find work as a teacher in a 'Colored School' in Ohio in 1884--until he crossed the color line." We were much older when we realized the magnitude of government investigations relating to his candidacy and office. We always knew he was Black--We were cousins.