

Gladys Casely-Hayford

Poet Description:

Aqua Lualua is the pen name of Gladys May Casely-Hayford, an American national born in Axim, Gold Coast (now Ghana), West Africa. Her father was a politician and lawyer, her mother a teacher. Casely-Hanford was educated in Sierra Leone and in Wales. In the 1920s she danced with a jazz band in Germany; she also began publishing poems in journals like *Opportunity*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and *Philadelphia Tribune* under her pseudonym. Her one collection is *Take 'um so* (1948). She died of black water fever in 1950.

Race/Ethnicity:

African ^[1]

Picture:



Gender:

Male ^[2]

Sexuality:

Straight ^[3]

First Name:

Gladys

Last Name:

Casely-Hayford

Birth & Death Dates:

Wednesday, March 15, 1905 to Sunday, January 1, 1950

School of Poetry:

Harlem Renaissance ^[4]

Birth Place:

Axim

Ghana

See map: Google Maps ^[5]

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Death Place:

Freetown

Sierra Leone

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