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Creola Bennett Pettway Biography

Creola Bennett Pettway was born in 1927 and was raised in the Brown's Quarters section of Gee's Bend, Alabama. She is the youngest daughter of Delia Bennett and Eddie Bennett. Along with her sister Georgiana B. Pettway and Arlonzia Pettway and Leola Pettway, she formed the singing group The White Rose. She grew up working on the family's farm, taking to quilting at an early age. She quilted for many years, stopping recently. She was a featured artist in the publication *Gee's Bend: The Women and Their Quilts* and the exhibition *Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt*. She toured Alabama with the White Rose, playing churches throughout the state; and when *The Quilts of Gee's Bend* opened, she had the chance to sing around the country. Her music and that of the White Rose was part of the two-disc *How We Got Over: Sacred Songs of Gee's Bend*. She continues to live in Wilcox County, Alabama.