



MOCO MD AAHGS Newsletter

Quarterly Newsletter of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Montgomery County, Maryland Chapter

4th Quarter 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

E. Patricia Hallman

Greetings. Happy New Year to our Afro-American Historical Society Members. Hopefully, you had a Peaceful and Blessed Holiday.

In February our Chapter was part of a Black History Program at the Family History Center (FHC) which focused on DNA. In March, Carol Petranek of the FHC, presented information about the resources at the FHC and insight about the holdings in the main library in Salt Lake City, Utah. She explained the Family Search website to us. In June, The Prince George's County MD Chapter presented the annual Juneteenth Program. Vera Williams, Great, Great, Great, Granddaughter of Solomon North was the Guest Speaker. In September, the Maryland and Washington DC Chapters co-sponsored Timothy Pinnick in a presentation on the Findings and Use of Newspapers in our research. In October we traveled to Pittsburgh, PA., to gather for our annual conference. A plethora of information on research methods, members and interested persons gathered to network and share findings, and exhilarating information from the Board. In November we joined the Montgomery County Historical Society to celebrate "150 Years of Freedom." Thanks to all for your contributions and support of the Christmas Brunch at the Lincoln Park Community Center. The Spirits were high, the plates were filled higher and ideas and conversation flowed. "So I am told". The Guest Presenter, Mr. Marvin Jones added monumentally to the festive occasion and we are indebted to him.

It is important to support all levels of researchers thus, our first meeting in January 2015, will focus on Research 101, for beginners. Frank Jenkins and Chiquita Sorrels will develop and lead the session.

As Brother Ray said" It is NOT your world. It is NOT my world. It is OUR world" Please support each other.

A bit of history about Montgomery County: It was founded in 1776, encompasses 507 square miles, is the second richest county in the US, has three (3) cities, twelve (12) towns and four (4) Villages.

Please bring your friends and neighbors with you to the next meeting on January 24th.

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HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

For nearly a century, schools for black students in Montgomery County were denied the benefits provided to their entirely separate, but supposedly "equal," white counterparts.

Until 1872, Maryland counties were under no obligation to provide public schools for African American students. Instead, children were taught informally at home, or in small private schools. A state law was passed in 1872 mandating the separate education of white and black students, but that only improved the situation so far. The Montgomery County school board resisted the construction and maintenance of black schools. New schools were promised but never built. Repairs to old and inadequate facilities were often refused; damaged or burned structures were ignored for years, and teachers were forced to find some other place to hold class. The school system often provided textbooks and supplies that had been used and discarded by the white schools. Staff wages were sometimes halted, and classes suspended, with little notice or excuse. The official academic year was months shorter than that of the white schools, and although many African American teachers were better qualified than their white peers, their official wage scale was much lower. Nevertheless, teachers and parents were dedicated to providing the best

education they could, despite these adverse circumstances.

<http://mh.sandglass.com/history-african-american-education-montgomery-county-0>

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THE PETITION

Sharyn Duffin

Education has been an issue central to the lives of Montgomery County's black population since before the Civil War, when it was illegal to teach enslaved people in Maryland to read. Yet many risked punishment to learn. They knew that literacy would be invaluable in their struggle to assert their independence and protect their freedom.

When slavery ended in Maryland in November 1864, education became a priority for the former slaves. Freedmen and women wanted to insure that access to the education so long denied to them would be guaranteed to their children. The black community took the initiative to start schools, often providing space for classes in churches or lodge halls until funds to build suitable facilities could be raised.

The Federal Government opened an office of the Freedmen's Bureau in Rockville to assist newly freed slaves. According to records of the Assistant Commissioner for the District of Columbia Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, "the opposition to educating the colored people in Maryland is widespread and bitter. Teachers have been stoned and blackened, indignation meetings held and resolutions passed to drive them out. Schoolhouses have been burned. Colored churches too have been destroyed to prevent schools being held in them."

(Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the District of Columbia Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1869

National Archives Microfilm Publication M1055 Roll 21)

In the face of such bitter and violent opposition twenty Rockville area black men, most of whom were illiterate, petitioned the Freedmen's

Bureau in 1867 to establish a school. They pledged funds "necessary to pay the board and washing of the teacher and to provide fuel and lights for the School house".

The twenty courageous community leaders were Adam Baker, William Baker, Israel Butler, George Blair, Henry Dove, Reuben Hill, Levi Hopkins, Tilghman Graham, William Kelly, Barney Lyles, Hanson Martin, Samuel Martin, Henson Norris, Henry Offutt, Hillary Powell, Louis Proctor, Alfred Ross, Hezekiah Williams, Richard Williams, and Solomon Williams.

Numerous current Montgomery County residents can trace their ancestry to one or more of these men. It is my hope to develop a profile on each of them within the next three years--in time to observe the sesquicentennial of the event.

Date	Signature	Witness
February 14	William Kelly	A. S. [illegible]
" 14	Louis Proctor	A. S. [illegible]
" 14	Reuben Hill	A. S. [illegible]
" 15	Samuel Martin	A. S. [illegible]
" 15	Solomon Williams	A. S. [illegible]
" 15	Adam Baker	A. S. [illegible]
" 15	William Kelly	A. S. [illegible]
" 19	William Baker	A. S. [illegible]
" 21	Barney Lyles	A. S. [illegible]
" 23	Henry Dove	A. S. [illegible]
" 27	Henson Norris	A. S. [illegible]
" 27	Alfred Ross	A. S. [illegible]
" 28	Hezekiah Williams	A. S. [illegible]
" 28	Richard Williams	A. S. [illegible]
" 28	Israel Butler	A. S. [illegible]
March 3	Henry Dove	A. S. [illegible]
" 6	Levi Hopkins	A. S. [illegible]
" 7	Israel Butler	A. S. [illegible]
" 13	George Blair	A. S. [illegible]
" 14	Tilghman Graham	A. S. [illegible]

GRAPHIC: Petition of Rockville citizens for a school, 1867
The petition is a permanent feature of the mural "OF, BY, and FOR" located in Rockville Town Center.

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WARREN HISTORIC SITE

Whites Ferry Road, Poolesville, MD 20837

Following the Civil War, free Blacks and former slaves purchased land and built the Warren Methodist Episcopal Church, Martinsburg Negro School, and Charity Lodge Hall. These buildings were the anchor and center for religious worship, educational development, and social interaction for this rural African American community. These three buildings of historic significance remain standing on their original site. The goals and visions of the Warren Historic Site Committee are to preserve archival and historical materials and to collect and display photographs and artifacts that trace the origins of this community.



The old school house is on the left. The society hall, with a tarp over the roof is behind the school. The Church is on the right.

<http://warrenhistoricsite.weebly.com/>

BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL



1980, Boyds Historical Society (BHS) acquired the historic Boyds Negro School property. The school is located at **19510 White Ground Road.**

This one-room 22 x 30 foot wooden building, heated by a wood stove, served as the only public school for African Americans in the Boyds area from 1895-1936. The schoolhouse served students in grades 1-8, many of whom walked for miles to attend classes at the school. During the 41 years of classes, oil lamps were used instead of electricity, students had to bring water from a nearby spring, they chopped wood for the potbellied stove for heat, and the books they used were handed down from white schools. After the purchase of the property, the school was restored by BHS to its original condition in approximately 1900.

<http://www.boydshistory.org/>



HELPFUL HINTS

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

Look for Witnesses - If you don't know identities of siblings and other kinfolk to use as brick wall workarounds, check out the names of witnesses on the records you do have. Baptisms/christenings, weddings, marriage licenses, funeral papers, burial records and death certificates are all good sources to investigate. Researching witnesses can even help to jump to a prior generation.

What's in a maiden name? - A female ancestor doesn't use her birth surname for much of her life. Remember to search using a woman's married surname if you're looking for her death/burial record, or if you're trying to find a widow.

Consider remarriages - If you seem to have lost a female ancestor, think about the possibility that she may have remarried. Look for the children from a previous marriage.

**EXPERIENCES at the 35th AAHGS
NATIONAL GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**
*"Weaving Our Past, Present, and Future: Slavery,
Abolition, Freedom and All That Jazz"*

This year's conference was hosted by the AAHGS Pittsburgh, PA chapter at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh - Green Tree - 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. Thanks to the 2014 co-chair planning committee of Marlene Bransom, President - AAHGS Pittsburgh, PA & Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis, National President, patrons experienced more than thirty sessions, workshops and activities on history, genealogy and culture. The conference allowed all attendees to meet the current National AAHGS Officers, Board Members, and 25+ Chapter Presidents. Five AAHGS MOCO MD Chapter members attended.

Irene Curry - The *New Member/First-Time Conference Attendee Orientation* session helped me navigate the syllabus and know where and when to go during the weekend. Learned from the *Beginning Genealogy: Getting Started* session the importance of oral history, talking and listening to elders, using the US Census and the family group sheet. *Death Certificates - Key to Breaking through Brick Walls* advised me about the wealth of information on death certificates. Expanded knowledge surrounding DNA during the "*Demystify the Story of Your DNA Testing*" session. Attended "*And the Church Said Amen*" with fellow MOCO MD chapter members, Frank and Jacqueline. Met an AAHGS member that knew my cousin in Windsor, Ontario, Canada - It's a small world!



*Frank, Jacqueline, Tim Pinnick (1) and Irene
(And the Church Said Amen! African American Religious Research)*

Pat Hallman - Attended the Daily Chapter Presidents Meetings; received Certificate of Appreciation as a chapter president during the Saturday night awards segment.

Frank Jenkins - Benefited from data obtained during "*After You Identify the Slave Owner*" workshop, by substantiating links with the white slave owner family and switching to "white genealogy" research. I spoke with keynote speaker, workshop presenter and author, Tony Burroughs at the Saturday night Banquet about the impact of his genealogical and historical writings on my personal family research.

Also a member of the Central MD chapter, I stepped up to accept a Certificate of Appreciation for Lyndra Marshall who could not attend the conference, but was recognized during the Saturday night awards segment.



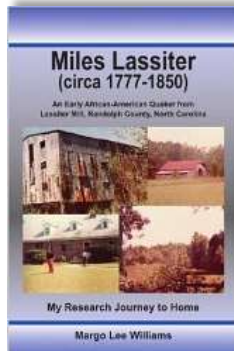
*Tony Burroughs (2), Jacqueline and Frank
(Saturday night Banquet)*

Jacqueline Tillman-Lewis - Volunteered as one of the chapter members from around the country at this year's National Conference; assigned to assist author, Dr. Ralph Proctor (no-show) during book signings after Friday's Authors' Luncheon and sell raffle tickets on Saturday for a prize of 15 books on the Pittsburgh Courier containing African

American notices of obits/deaths across the country (*Tony Burroughs was one of the winners*); received an AAHGS Pittsburgh, PA volunteer T-shirt.



Margo Lee Williams - Lifetime National AAHGS member, conference presenter and author - Conference presentations for this year included *The Rev. (Alfred) Islay Walden: The American Missionary Association and Education in "backwoods" Randolph County, North Carolina*; and *Gone West: Emsley Lassiter, A North Carolina Free Man of Color & the Indiana Quaker Migration of the 1830's*. Solidified my local membership with the MOCO MD chapter during the Friday evening Sharing Dinner.



We proudly witnessed our sister chapter, The **Central Maryland Chapter** (CMC) of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS) receive the **2014 Chapter of the Year Award**. This national award is bestowed on an AAHGS chapter which has made outstanding contributions to the AAHGS mission through sponsorship of quality chapter programs, activities, and services over the past year. The award was officially presented to the CMC President Alice Harris, at the awards banquet on Saturday night.

During the Sunday Brunch, Washington DC and MOCO MD chapter members spoke with workshop presenter, Kenn Stanton, *The Escape of Thomas Jefferson Lightfoot: My Great-Great Grandfather* and keynote speaker - Solomon Northrup descendant, Clayton J. Adams. Kenn previously discussed a possible title for his next book - "Passing for Black". Clayton shared more of his intentions of walking in the footsteps of his ancestor in Washington, DC and we talked about how we as AAHGS members could possibly join him during this journey.



Washington, DC James Dent Walker and Montgomery County MD Chapter Members at the Sunday morning brunch with Keynote speaker Clayton J. Adams (3) and workshop presenter Kenn Stanton (4).

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The 2015 36th AAHGS National Genealogy Conference will be held in Richmond, VA October 15th - October 18th

Richmond Marriott Hotel
500 East Broad St
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 643-3400

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ricdt-richmond-marriott/>

*Virginia, Where African-American Roots Run Deep:
Family History and the National Narrative*

Conference registration materials will be available in the spring of 2015. For further information, email aahgs2015@gmail.com or check out <http://www.aahgs.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&pageId=677>

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2014/2015 MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AAHGS-Montgomery County (MOCO) Maryland holds monthly meetings at the Lincoln Park Community Center in Rockville, Maryland on the fourth Saturday, excluding July and August.

DATE	EVENT/LOCATION	SPEAKER/PARTICIPANTS
September 20	Suitland Family History Center 5300 Auth Road Suitland, MD 20746	Co-sponsorship program by local MD/DC AAHGS Chapters presentation by Tim Pinnick on Researching Ancestors in Historical Newspapers
September 27	Monthly Chapter Meeting 357 Frederick Ave in Rockville, Maryland	Journey to Daughters of the American Revolution Reisha Raney
OCTOBER		
October 9 - 12	Pittsburgh, PA http://www.aahgs.org/	THE 35th NATIONAL GENEALOGY CONFERENCE <i>"Weaving Our Past, Present, and Future: Slavery, Abolition, Freedom and All That Jazz"</i>
October 25 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Monthly Chapter Meeting 357 Frederick Ave Rockville, Maryland	Charles Howard, AAHGS - James Dent Walker Chapter Washington, DC - ROOTS MAGIC
Oct 25 - Nov 1	Celebrating Maryland Emancipation http://visitmaryland.org/Events/Pages/Jubilee.aspx	Various speakers, lectures, exhibits and re-enactments
October 28 - 30 Tues - Thurs Beginning at 10:00 AM ET	National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair/	Live Broadcast via the Internet Watch live on YouTube 
Oct 31 - Nov 2	Montgomery Parks Maryland Emancipation Day Celebrations http://www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/Cultural_Resources_Stewardship/crs_special_events/emancipation.day.shtm	Celebrate the freedom of the enslaved population in Maryland Hike the Underground Railroad, tour a slave cabin, visit a slavery museum, enjoy living history demonstrations and eat great food!
NOVEMBER		
November 22 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Monthly Chapter Meeting 357 Frederick Ave Rockville, Maryland	John Kelly Family History Research
November 27	Thanksgiving - U.S. holiday	
DECEMBER		
December 20 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Monthly Chapter Meeting 357 Frederick Ave Rockville, Maryland	Marvin Jones Before Jamestown: The Winton Triangle Story
JANUARY 2015		
January 24 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Monthly Chapter Meeting 357 Frederick Ave Rockville, Maryland	Research 101, for beginners: Frank Jenkins and Chiquita Sorrels
FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH		
February 7 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration & Sign-in begin at 8:30 AM	Regional Area AAHGS African American Genealogy Conference 7200 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707	Local AAHGS Chapters and WDCFHC partner to honor Black History Month http://www.wdcfhc.org/AAHGS-Conf/

Dates, agenda items and locations are subject to change.

PARTNERSHIPS

National Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.

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Washington, DC 20056-3067
<http://www.aahgs.org/>



State of Maryland AAHGS Chapters

Baltimore Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society - <http://baahgs.org/>

AAHGS - Agnes Kane Callum - Baltimore
Roland N. Mills, President
P.O. Box 9366

Baltimore, MD 21228

Monthly meetings start at 10:30 a.m. on the 1st Saturday at the Northwood Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library
4420 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Central Maryland AAHGS - cmgen.wordpress.com

AAHGS - Central Maryland

Alice F. Harris, President

6352 Windharp Way

Columbia, MD 21045

All meetings are from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Owen Brown Community Center in Columbia, MD on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Prince George's County, Maryland Chapter of AAHGS - <http://pgcm.aahgs.org/>

AAHGS - Prince George's County, Maryland

Jane T. Thomas, President

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Fort Washington, MD 20744-4252

November 15, 2014 - 19th Annual Maryland Legacy Day - Prince George's Community College, Largo Hall Community Center, 301 Largo Rd Largo MD 20774

December 14, 2014 - 2nd annual Awards Luncheon - FT. Belvoir, VA

January 17, 2015 - Trip to Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D St NW Washington, DC

Washington, DC AAHGS Chapter

District of Columbia

AAHGS - James Dent Walker Chapter

Sybil Templeman, President

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Meetings held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Juanita Thornton-Shepherd Park Public Library, 2nd Floor - 7420 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

December 13, 2014 - Holiday Celebration

January 17, 2015 - Brenda Kinsler - Family Research



<http://www.wdcfhc.org>

Join the **AFRICAN AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP** at the Washington DC Family History Center on Mondays starting at 9:30 AM. This group meets weekly to work with other family history researchers; learn different research strategies; and access a variety of genealogical websites, databases, microfilms, and books.

10000 Stoneybrook Drive
Kensington, MD 20895
(301) 587-0042

RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND BEYOND



Join AAHGS member, Bernice Bennett on her live talk radio show every Thursday evening 9:00 PM EST for *60 Minutes*

<http://blogtalkradioshow.com/berniccebennett>

AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

1925 Vermont Ave, NW Washington, DC 20001

202-667-2667 - <http://afroamcivilwar.org/home.html>

Nov 11, 2014 - Annual Veteran's Day Wreath Laying Program 10:00am. Program begins inside the museum, follows with a wreath laying at the Civil War Memorial and light refreshments in the museum.

First Saturday Descendants Presentation - Every first Saturday features a descendant from the United States Colored Troops (USCT), who presents information about their ancestor.



**AAHGS MOCO MD and THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY CELEBRATE THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF MARYLAND
EMANCIPATION DAY**

Emancipation for Maryland's enslaved populace occurred November 1, 1864. The Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) examined how former slaves, as well as, free blacks and former owners were affected by Emancipation.

On Saturday, November 1, 2014, in Rockville, MD, AAHGS MOCO MD chapter members and Emancipation Proclamation descendants shared stories of their fore bearers who were enslaved/free in Montgomery County. Our chapter members were part of panel discussion groups and each one shared the story of their families during the descendant sessions.

The first session at 1:30 p.m. featured **Suzanne Johnson, Irene Curry and John Kelly.**



Irene spoke about her family heritage as slaves in Montgomery County, MD and how her great-great uncles escaped to Canada via the Underground Railroad. She meets with her Canadian cousins every two years, alternating between Canada and the United States.

The second at 2:30 p.m. featured Diane Young, Warren Crutchfield and **Sharyn Duffin.**



Sharyn told of the experiences of her ancestors through her maternal grandfather, Vernon Sumna Hill. The highlights of her talk included how beyond

freedom itself, the immediate impact of emancipation was the unification of families and legalization of marriages. She shared how the 1870 census showed notable changes in family structure as formerly enslaved relatives joined their kinfolk. Sharyn displayed a family historical poster, with photos, deeds, maps, etc. that illustrated her talk.



Period re-enactors, portrayed such historic personalities as Abraham Lincoln, his secretary John Nicolay, escaped slave Anne Maria Weems, and Montgomery County freedmen and land owners Enoch George and Harriet Anne Howard, who established a church, school, and large farm for freed African-Americans.

The event featured music by the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices.



In the Jane C. Sween Library, **Chiquita Sorrels** manned The AAHGS MOCO Maryland chapter information table with flyers about AAHGS and membership applications. Although it was a bitterly cold day, the program had quite a good turnout and several people expressed interest in AAHGS and picked up applications on how to become a member of our chapter.

SLAVE STATISTICS

Maryland remained in the Union during the Civil War, despite the divided loyalties of her people. Because Maryland was a Union state, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation did not free Maryland slaves. Instead, they were freed by a new state constitution which took effect on November 1, 1864. Many slaves, however, had taken advantage of the war's confusion to leave their owners earlier, some by joining the Union Army.

In a law passed in 1867 the General Assembly complained that "under the Military of the United States, a large number of slaves owing service to loyal citizens of Maryland, were induced to leave their owners and enlist in the military service of the United States." The lawmakers pointed out that Marylanders had received "no compensation for their inconveniences, public and private" (Chapter 189, Laws 1867). Hoping that the federal government would repay the state's loyalty and compensate its citizens for the chattels lost, the General Assembly ordered that a listing be made of all slave owners and their slaves as of November 1, 1864.

The federal government never compensated the owners, but these records, called "Slave Statistics", are the only evidence available of slaves and owners at the time of state emancipation. Besides the names of owners and slaves, the lists include the age, sex, physical condition and term of servitude for each slave. The schedules also indicate those slaves who enlisted in the Union Army, and sometimes give the regiment in which the slave enlisted. Slave statistics survive for Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Frederick, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties. A few of the volumes are indexed.

Information provided by Sharyn Duffin

<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/stagser/s1400/s1411/html/index38.html>



Areas covered by the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation are shown in red. Slave holding areas not covered, including Maryland, are shown in blue

http://www.ask.com/wiki/History_of_slavery_in_Maryland?o=2800&qsrc=999&ad=doubleDown&an=apn&ap=ask.com

"HEREDITY"

Carma M. Brown and
Rootsweb Review 30 Dec. 1998

*I saw a duck the other day,
It had the feet of my Aunt Fay.
Then it walked, was heading south,
It waddled like my Uncle Ralph.*

*And when it turned, I must propose,
Its bill was formed like Aunt Jane's nose.
I thought, "Oh, no! It's just my luck,
Someday I'll look just like a duck!"*

*I sobbed to Mom about my fears,
And she said, "Honey, dry your tears.
You look like me, so walk with pride.
Those folks are all from Daddy's side!*

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dimcl/funstuff.html>

**UPCOMING EVENT TO COMMEMORATE
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2015**

"A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture"
2015 National Black History theme*

**REGIONAL AREA AAHGS
AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

**FAMILY HISTORY CENTER
7200 CONTEE ROAD
LAUREL, MD 20707
8:30AM - 5:00PM**

Central Maryland

Prince George's County, Maryland

Montgomery County, Maryland

Agnes Kane Callum - Baltimore, Maryland

James Dent Walker - District of Columbia

Washington DC Family History Center

African American Special Interest Group/WDCFHC

The conference will feature a variety of speakers, presenters and workshops on history, research and genetics in honor of Black History Month.

Registration is required and is now available via <http://www.wdcfhc.org/AAHGS-Conf/>
(No charge - bring your own lunch)

**In 1915, Carter G. Woodson labored under the belief that historical truth would crush falsehoods and usher in a new era of equality, opportunity, and racial democracy. In honor of this 100 year milestone, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) has selected:*

"A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture" as the 2015 National Black History theme.

[HTTP://WWW.ASALH.ORG/BLACKHISTORYTHEMES.HTML](http://www.asalh.org/blackhistorythemes.html)



Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950)

SAVE THE DATE

THE GRAND REVIEW PARADE
Civil War - United States Colored Troops (USCT)

May 17, 2015

Grand Review and Parade, Rally on the High Ground

Three main Civil War sesquicentennial closing events in Washington, DC in 2015

- 1. Abraham Lincoln's 2nd Inauguration - March 2015
- 2. Abraham Lincoln's Funeral March - April 2015
- 3. The Grand Review and Parade on May 17, 2015

All USCT Regiments are asked to begin preparing to join 6 - 10,000 regular re-enactors for the Grand Review Parade on May 17, 2015 by recruiting heavily to increase your ranks and by supporting the "Rally on the High Ground" to revivify the memorial in Washington.

**Calling All United States Colored Troops (USCT)
Descendants: Grand Review and Parade,
May 17, 2015**

All Descendants of USCT begin planning now to dress at least one family member in a USCT uniform and make plans to come to Washington, DC on May 17, 2015 to represent your family in the Grand Parade.



USCT Ancestors Grand Review Parade

[HTTP://AFROAMCIVILWAR.ORG/COMPONENT/RSFORM/FORM/19-USCT-ANCESTORS-GRAND-REVIEW-PARADE.HTML](http://afroamcivilwar.org/component/rsform/form/19-usct-ancestors-grand-review-parade.html)

African American Civil War Memorial and Museum

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NATIONAL AAHGS NEWS - The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., invites every AAHGS member to submit articles to *AAHGS News*. Submissions may be sent in hard copy or electronic format to:

AAHGS News Letter Editor

P.O. Box 73067 - Washington, DC 20056-3067
or aahgsnews@yahoo.com

Member and chapter happenings are always appreciated by *AAHGS News*.

2015 National AAHGS News

Issue	Submission Deadline	Theme
Jan/Feb	Jan 7, 2015	Revisiting the Transatlantic Slave Trade
Mar/Apr	Mar 7, 2015	Breaking the Glass Ceiling
May/Jun	May 7, 2015	The Colored Leagues in Baseball and Beyond
Jul/Aug	Jul 7, 2015	Solving Genealogical and Historical Puzzles
Sep/Oct	Sep 7, 2015	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Nov/Dec	Nov 7, 2015	Virginia, Where African-American Roots Run Deep: Family History and the National Narrative

AAHGS MOCO MD CHAPTER WEBSITE

WEBMASTER - CHIQUITA SORRELS

<http://moctymd.aahgs.org>



The AAHGS MOCO MD chapter website is up and running and will provide detailed information surrounding our chapter, along with genealogical and/or historical events & activities in Montgomery County, the Washington DC Metro area, and happenings across the nation.

Additionally, our website and the **National Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.** website <http://www.aahgs.org/> offer genealogical/historical resources and information.

AAHGS MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the National Organization of AAHGS is a prerequisite for membership in the AAHGS Montgomery County, Maryland Chapter. Term of membership is from January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year. Local dues for AAHGS MOCO MD membership = \$20.00 and national AAHGS membership = \$35.00.

MEMBERSHIP - SHARON DUFFIN AND IRENE CURRY



AAHGS MOCO MD CHAPTER CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

Happy Anniversary!



NOTE FROM EDITOR

J. Tillman-Lewis

Thanks to webmaster, Chiquita Sorrels, the chapter newsletter will be available on-line via <http://moctymd.aahgs.org/publish.htm>

This is my final newsletter as editor for the AAHGS MOCO MD Chapter. I am spreading my wings, exploring opportunities and partnering with the National AAHGS editorial staff. I want to thank everyone for their participation and support throughout 2014.

Feedback/Comments/Corrections -

Changes made to dates and agenda items for "Meetings/Activities/Calendar of Events" section as stated in 3Q newsletter.



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regards to Solomon Northrup. Clayton shared a motivating story as the keynote speaker at the Saturday Night Banquet - *A Stolen American Dream: The Life of Solomon Northrup*.

(4) Kenn Stanton, retired curator of the North American Historical Museum, elementary school educator, computer programmer, AIDS educator and newspaper editor. Kenn's Friday morning workshop presentation of *The Escape of Thomas Jefferson Lightfoot: My Great-Great Grandfather*, told the exciting and detailed escape of his 2nd great-grandfather, Jefferson Lightfoot. His presentation took us through a journey of enslavement in Kentucky to freedom in the British Colony of Canada.

(1) Timothy Pinnick, researcher, writer, independent scholar, family historian and lecturer, whose 25 years of experience includes work in all the major U.S. repositories. In September he was featured in the AAHGS event with Agnes Kane Callum, Central Maryland, James Dent Walker, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County Chapters at the Suitland Maryland Family History Center - Topic: Researching African American Ancestors in Historical Newspapers. Conference presentations included - Developing the Genealogy of an African American Community: A Case Study; And the Church Said Amen! African American Religious Research; and United Mine Workers Journal & State Mine Reports: Two Exceptional Resources for Coal Miner Research

(2) Tony Burroughs is founder and CEO of The Center for Black Genealogy. He taught genealogy at Chicago State University and authored *Black Roots: A Beginners Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree*. Burroughs researched Olympic Gold Medal sprint champion Michael Johnson's family history and consulted on the Reverend Al Sharpton-Strom Thurmond genealogy; the Oprah Winfrey genealogy; *African American Lives 2*; *The Real Family of Jesus* and *The History Detectives* television show. He has appeared on many television programs and delivered over eighty lectures at national conferences including nine national keynote addresses. Conference presentations included - *Death Certificates - Keys to Breaking Through Brick Walls*; *After You Identify the Slave Owner*; and Keynote Speaker at Sharing Dinner "Weaving Our Past, Present & Future from Oral History"

(3) Clayton J. Adams, Executive Director for the Solomon Northrup Foundation and GGG Grandson of Solomon Northrup (12 Years a Slave) on his mother's side of the family. With the recent increase in the interest of his GGG grandfather, Clayton has become a lecturer and educator in