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CAAGS MEETING

January 16, 1999

Martin Luther King, Jr.
United Methodist Church
6625 4th Avenue & 67th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

General Schedule

9:00 - 10:30 Classes

Beginners-Taught by Carolyn Conway

Intermediate-Taught by Ron Batiste

10:30 - 11:00 - Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:15 - Break

11:30 - 1:00 - Mary Grindall, our Guest Speaker
will discuss "*Will There Be Water in Heaven*
(Native Americans)".

(Schedule is subject to change without notice.)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

"A race is like a man, until it uses its own talents, takes pride in its own history, and loves its own memories, it can never fulfill itself completely."

By John W. Vandercook

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

- 1c. Good thoughts
- 1c. Consideration for others
- 2c. Well beaten faults
- 1c. Kind deeds
- 2c. Sacrifice for others
- 3c. Forgiveness

Mix ingredients thoroughly and add tears of joy and sorrow. Also add sympathy for others. After pouring all into daily life, bake well with heat of human kindness. Serve with a smile.

The Internet

IN REMEMBRANCE

A TRIBUTE TO ROZELLA HALL

May 29, 1941 - December 23, 1998



The Ancestors

There she sits in the midst of them all,
All of her ancestors, both great and small
And from her lips comes this familiar sound
"Who were my kin? Please tell me now.
Then from every corner of Heaven's gates
Comes a chorus of joy, a litany of names.
Generations of people in her direct line
Stating relationships one at a time.
Grands and greats with welcoming smiles
Saying, "It's time we tell you,
you've been researching a little while."
So, on and on goes this heavenly roll call
And there she sits, in the midst of them all.

By Marilyn White

The world was blessed when Rozella Hall was born on May 29, 1941, in Lafayette, Indiana. She eventually became a consummate volunteer on behalf of people and the environment.

Having suffered throughout her life with sickle cell disease, Rozella formed the Sickle Cell Self-Help Association, to aid others afflicted in coping with the disease. She also volunteered with the Sickle Cell Disease Research Foundation, heading the group's blood bank.

An advocate of environmental protection, she helped pioneer a water conservation experiment by allowing the Tree People to use her property for demonstrations. Water experts from all over the world have come to examine the project.

Genealogy was an important activity in Rozella's life during her later years. She was a member of the California Afro-American Genealogy Society. She assisted individuals new to the field and taught classes for young students on how to trace their ancestors.

The family requested donations. If you would like to send a personal donation, please make your check payable to Keisha Hall (Rozella's only child) and send it to 1828 West 50th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90062.

We all will miss Rozella.

Abstract from Rozella's Obituary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

Warm Greetings to all! My wife Sandra and I would like to thank everyone that contributed to a wonderful Christmas Get-together at the December General Meeting. Thank you ALL for your contributions!

My message at the December meeting will serve as the main part of this month's message. We are close to 1999, and by the time you receive this, it will be 1999. My wife and I would like to wish everyone a prosperous New Year. And pray that 1999 will bring us all more blessings. We have to work together! We only have each other. At a time of uncertainty and political turmoil in America, we ought to band closer together in our endeavors. We have the same goals: achieving a greater understanding of our ancestors and ancestry.

Congratulations to all our newly elected Officers: Ron Batiste as our new First Vice President, Vera Merritt, our returning Treasurer, Lloydine Outten as our Recording Secretary, and Erma Hurse as our new

Parliamentarian. Also, Ellis Jones is our new Public Relations Director. Let us help them all to fulfill their duties and responsibilities.

On a very sad note: our beloved Rozella Hall passed away in December, just before Christmas. Hers was the name many who read the newspaper announcements of our meetings, first saw. She will be greatly missed by us all! Please pray for Clint Hayes, who is gravely ill. He is a member, now living in the South. He is the founder of Afrigeneas.

Let us pull together, even more closely, than we have. Dark days are ahead. Our love for each other will pull us through. Ask for help from those looking to give help.

Kenneth Kwame Welsh

EVENTS IN THE HOOD

January 7-18 - "King Week": Come celebrate with the community in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The kickoff press conference will be held at the Baldwin Hills Plaza, while other events such as the MLK Interfaith Breakfast and the YEP New Vision Awards, will be held at various locations. For more information, call (213) 920-0438 (*Turning Point* Nov/Dec/Jan 1998-99).

February 17,18,19 & 21 - "The Colored Museum": Tony Award-winner George C. Wolfe was catapulted to fame by this hilarious play, which continues to shock audiences with its outspoken views about race in America. Starring Loretta Devine, Vickilyn Reynolds, Charlie Robinson and Charlayne Woodard at the L A. Theatre Works, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA. For more information, call (310) 827-0889 (Flyer).

CLIMBING YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY TREE

By Frazine K. Taylor

Genealogy is the study of relationships between individuals and of families composed of related individuals (1). Genealogy, or family history, is becoming an increasingly common hobby among African-Americans. Though there are gaps in information relating to African-American family life, creating a family history is possible. Four major factors account for the neglect in African-American genealogy: lack of public records documenting most African-Americans before 1865; illiteracy enforced on most slaves and the political and social limitations imposed on most free Blacks; lack of antebellum records, which were destroyed, altered, or lost during the Civil War and after Reconstruction; and a lack of

understanding about how and where to begin (2). Despite these limitations, there is a vast array of documents for studying African-American lineage, and it is waiting to be uncovered throughout this country--in depositories, libraries, cemeteries, businesses, churches, fraternal organizations and with African-American individuals. Sometimes traveling to places where your ancestors lived is a necessary stop in finding clues to your heritage. Imagine the satisfaction of walking on the grounds that your ancestors once walked or attending the church where they once worshipped. You cannot imagine the feeling until you experience it!

To have fun climbing the family tree, proceeding correctly is important so that you will not get discouraged along the way. If you have a genealogy organization in your area, consider joining it. Members of genealogy organizations have varied experiences that can help you in your research. Also, while researching the family is interesting to you, it may not be to everyone in the family. Thus, you will need an outlet for discussing your research.

If you are not a seasoned researcher, you can find instructional materials in bookstores or libraries in your community. I strongly recommend using "how to" books on genealogy research strategies, though there are other ways in which you may learn the technical side of researching your family history, such as college courses, workshops, and one-on-one communication with a knowledgeable person in the field. Once you have done some preliminary research on the subject, you are ready to begin. First, you will want to divide your information gathering into sections: oral history, family records, county records, archives, and library records.

ORAL HISTORY. Start your research at home by interviewing older relatives and family friends. Also, sift through photographs and papers, and systematically record facts already known about your family. "Information from grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or friends of the family can take you back several generations in your family's history. Relatives that you talk with may have known your great-grandparent or other relatives personally and they may have access to oral traditions from earlier generations (3)." Interviews with family members and others will help to identify not only names, but also thoughts and feelings that existed in your family and the community. Imagine what your aunt could tell you about her childhood and what she did BTV (before television). I heard an elderly (84 year old) man brag about his early years of riding in his mother's BMW (back of his mama's wagon). This is just an example of the stories, humor, wisdom, and lies, that the elderly in your family can provide. To get facts about your ancestors, Raymond S. Wright, III, suggests asking questions like these: What names did your family use for each other, or were they

generally known only by their full names? What role did birthdays have in your family's traditions? What are the birth dates of everyone in your family? What birthday celebrations stick out in your memory (4)?

FAMILY RECORDS. Among the records you may find at home are: legal records, such as wills and mortgages; life insurance policies; bibles with inscriptions noting names and dates of birth, baptism, marriage, and death; certificates of birth, marriage, and death; letters; school report cards, diplomas, and yearbooks; membership cards and certificates for clubs, lodges, and fraternal organizations; birthday party announcements or invitations; obituaries; and even notes that someone else compiled that outline the family's history. These are but a few examples to look for in your home. Think about the types of records that you have created in your lifetime -- remember, your ancestors did the same.

Begin to write the information you gather onto an "ancestry chart(5) (see left)." Record your direct-line of ancestry on the chart (your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and great great-grandparents). You can write details about each family on a "family group sheet (6) (see below)." For each couple on your ancestor chart, create a family group sheet. The family group sheet is created for each marriage or for each person who has a child. The family group sheets will include aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, etc. Although the ancestor chart holds only your direct line, you will want to research the family as a unit.

For the "computer literate, " many genealogy programs are available to generate these ancestry charts and family group sheets. Using the information you enter into a database, the program will keep your data organized and will enable you to print out various forms and charts as needed, and to share your data easily and accurately with other researchers.

COUNTY RECORDS. Once you have an idea of your ancestor in time and place, you may write for vital records (birth, marriage, and death certificates) in the county courthouses or in your state's Bureau of Vital Statistics. You may have a local Family History Center (FHC) near you; refer to your telephone directory for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to find a local FHC. These Centers can provide you access to local county records from all over the United States via microfilm. Once you have exhausted all possible avenues of obtaining information locally, you are ready to travel. Nevertheless, before you hop in your car, you will need to have an idea of what records at the county courthouse will help you. You may want to start by visiting the county seat where your ancestors lived.

Many first-timers and seasoned researchers are often disappointed when they visit the courthouse, so write first and find out what records are available and what hours the courthouse is open. Contact the courthouse itself or the state Tourism Office to see when the courthouse is open; you would not want to travel to find the offices you need closed. Next, you may want to check your local library for books published about a specific county. You may want your librarian to request these books through interlibrary loan.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES. If your research brings you to Alabama, you are in for a delightful and rewarding treat. If you come to the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery to continue your search for ancestors, you will want to look at State Censuses, 1855 & 1866; Session laws from 1818-1859 for slave manumissions; Negroes in the Confederate Army, 1861-1865; Convict records circa 1800-1939; County Jail Registers circa 1871-1939; City/County Directories; Register of Chauffeurs, 1911-1919; Voter Registrations, 1867-1869; Bank of the State of Alabama Accounts Sales Register, 1838-46; Governors' Pardons, Paroles, and Clemency Files; Alabama African-American newspapers; and the Tuskegee Institute News Clippings File. This list is just to name a few obscure records. These records will increase your chances of finding additional information after researching the traditional records (i.e., census, birth, marriage, military, death, probate/estate, church, and cemetery records) has been completed.

In summary, the quest to find one's ancestors has no color barrier. Don't ever give up, be persistent in your family history pursuit, and offer to share information with others so that they will be more willing to give you what you need. Finding your ancestors is a rewarding past time. Have fun!

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JANUARY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Ron Batiste	Ray Marshall
Thelma Cameron	Doris Rogers
Alva Griffith	

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the January meeting.

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Darnell Bell	Emmett Knox
Ronald Higgins	DeVaughn Lee
George Jenkins	Kinamo Moyowasifza

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Recycling Thon

We exceeded our goal; we now have \$204.19! I would like to thank Asbury Ellis for his donation, and everyone else, again, for helping to make our Recycling Thon a success.

Submitted by Erma Hurse

Christmas Cards

CAAGS Christmas Card Fundraising Committee is happy to report that we exceeded our goal of \$200. The final accounting shows a grand total of \$593.35. Our thanks to all who participated in this fundraising event.

Submitted Mattie Curtis, Project Coordinator

50/50 Raffle

The winner of the December 50/50 raffle was Richard Brown. He generously donated his share of the \$26 total to the Fundraising Committee.

The Fundraising Committee purchased a microfiche cabinet for our Society from the Atwater Library Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

The Committee would like to thank all of who donated items this year: Mr. Ray Marshall for the kaleidoscope and Mattie Curtis' daughter for the copier. Their assistance has helped the Fundraising Committee reach its goal.

Future Events

The Committee will be having a short meeting to generate ideas for the coming year. It will be held after the January General Meeting. Anyone interested in joining us for the coming year, please call Charlotte Bodge (323) 669-1982.

Submitted by Charlotte Bodge

1999 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership fees are due and payable in January of each year. Members whose dues have not been paid to the Treasurer by March 1st will have their names removed from all the Organization's mailing and membership lists. A member removed for non-payment of dues will be reinstated after paying the delinquent dues.

NEW MEMBERS joining in November or December dues shall apply to subsequent year.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

January 22, 1999 for February 1999 issue

LEADING AFRICAN AMERICAN MAGAZINE AND TOP BLACK WEB SITE JOIN FORCES

The prestigious American Visions Magazine and the award-winning The Black World Today (<http://www.tbwt.com>) have teamed up to bring you the highest quality information and analysis about the global Black experience to be found in print and on the Internet.

Some of the Black world's top writers, scholars, journalists, commentators and activists contribute regularly to both American Visions and TBWT. Civic and professional leaders not only read both publications consistently, but also lend their voices to the discussion forums sponsored and organized periodically by these sister publications.

For a free copy of the latest American Visions, click here (<http://www.tbwt.com/avs>) For free Web-based email, free personal Web sites and a host of other valuable new services and empowering opportunities please visit The Black World Today. TBWT is the only place in all of new media where one can find fresh daily news and analysis about communities of color in the USA and around the world.

If you would like to receive information about future offers from American Visions and TBWT, please join our online community by click here (<http://home.tbwt.com/questbk/guestbk.html>).

THE LEGACY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

The Carter G. Woodson Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., announces the 1999 National African American History Month Theme: "*The Legacy of African American Leadership for the Present and the Future.*"

The theme invites an examination of the rich legacy of African American Leadership in the 19th and 20th centuries. Individuals such as Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Height, Shirley Chisolm, Paul Robeson, Andrew Young, Colin Powell, and Congressional Representatives of both centuries give clear testimony of the search for political and social equality for all Americans.

The Black History Month Kit, containing teaching tools and strategies, graphic prints and biographical notes, game activities and essays, will be available for \$49.95 on December 1, 1998. To request a kit write to the Carter G. Woodson Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., located at 1407 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, or call (202) 667-2822 for more information. Inglewood Today, Vol. 6, Issue 12, December, 1998

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QUERIES

The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A listing of e-mail addresses is located at the sign-in table of each meeting, or you may request the current listing from the Editor.

SCHEDULED OF COLONIAL TERRITORIAL, AND STATE CENSUS RECORDS

Idaho: 1863

Illinois: 1787, 1793, 1810, 1818, 1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1855, 1865.

Indiana: 1801, 1815, 1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1865, 1871, 1877, 1883, 1889, 1895, 1901, 1907, 1914, 1921.

(to be continued).

CAAGS CALENDAR

January 16, 1999 - Our Guest Speaker, Mary Grindall, will discuss "Will There be Water in Heaven (Native Americans)".

February 20, 1999 - Black History Month

March 20, 1999 - Our Guest Speaker, Joanne F. Bliss, will discuss "Native Americans and the Black Connections".

COMMITTEES

If you have any interest in joining one of the following Committees, please contact Kenneth Kwame Welsh, President.

Standing Committees

Education Outreach

Finance

- Budget

Membership

Programs

Publications

- Cemetery/Mortuary/Obituary
- Newsletter
- Surname Directory

Subcommittees

Audit

Nominating

Ad-Hoc Committees

Fundraising

- Conference Shared Heritage

Hospitality

Mentor Program

Public Relations

- Century Club

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS, THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of Charlotte Bocage, 3333 Perlita Avenue, Apt. 6, Los Angeles, CA, (323) 669-1982.

Directions: Take the Harbor Fwy. (#110) North to the San Bernardino Fwy. (#5) North. Take the Glendale exit, turn right. Stay in the lane you are in. Go about six blocks to a yellow sign saying Tommy's Charbroiled Burgers. This is Perlita, turn Right. Go down about 1-½ blocks to a gray building on the left side, 3333 West Perlita, go upstairs to Apt. #6.

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**11:30 - 1:00 - Marilyn White, our Historian will
discuss "CAAGS History and The Seven Principles
(Kwanzaa Year Round)"**

(Schedule is subject to change without notice.)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

By Carter G. Woodson

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

June Champion Boyd

June is researching Brunson, Champion, Furlow and Johnson from both Bibb and Macon County, Georgia.

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The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

THE RULES FOR BEING HUMAN

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in full-time informal school, called Life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error: experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works".
4. A lesson is repeated until learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. "There" is no better than "here". When your "there" has become a "here", you will simply obtain another "there" that will again, look better "here".
7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself.
8. What you make of your life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
9. Your answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen and trust.
10. You will forget all this.
11. You can remember it whenever you want.

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BLACK PEOPLE RESISTED

AFRO-America@Black Resistance...Slavery in the U.S.

They resisted the practice of slavery and the trade in slaves from its inception in the United States in the

early 1600s to its end in the middle 1800s. They resisted it on the ships from Africa.

They resisted it in the fields and in the big house; they resisted by organized rebellion; and they resisted by direct, spontaneous acts of courage.

For their freedom, they killed and were killed. They poisoned and committed infanticide and suicide. They always ran away. And, some master was always hunting for them.

Their will set against the master's will, they fought, fought back, and died. They also survived. They took the lash and the burn. They lost, but they won.

By the strength of their determination, led by the North Star and set aboard the boxcars of the Underground Railroad – by their resistance – slaves won in the cause of human freedom.

THE ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950) was born to parents who had been slaves. Neither Mother nor Father could read or write. Mr. Woodson had to work to earn money for the family and did not start school until later than most children. But, his motto was it is "never to late to learn". He became a high school teacher; and was sad to discover that none of the schools taught the history of Black Americans. He started the American Negro Academy to study the important things Black people had accomplished and on February 19, 1926 Woodson established "Negro History Week" which is now called Black History Month in the United States.

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BLACK HISTORY TRAILS

Before there was a Hollywood or a Wall Street or a Broadway, Black pioneers and founders were crisscrossing America, leaving markers and trails that would become a part of the texture of America.

Among the American founding fathers and mothers who created indelible trails in these years were Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable, who founded Chicago before the Revolutionary War; William Alexander Leisdesdorf, who was one of the first citizens of San Francisco; and the 26 or so African-Americans who were among the 44 founders of Los Angeles, California.

Since that time, new pioneers have created new trails and markers, including jazz trails, blues trails, gospel trails and civil rights trails that help define the 20th century.

The trails created by the unsung Black founders extend from one end of the country to the other, from Centralia, Washington, which was founded by George Washington, a Black pioneer in the West, to Jamestown, Virginia, where in 1619, 20 Black founding fathers and mothers landed, a year before the arrival of the *Mayflower*. These trails should be explored by Black citizens and travelers in Black History Month, which should be celebrated 12 months a year.

One of the major modern trails, the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March Trail, is already designated as an All-American Road and commemorates one of the premier civil rights protests in American history, and its lasting influences on the social and political life of the United States. The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail consists of 54 miles of city streets and the United States Highway 80 from Selma to the capitol in Montgomery, Alabama. It is designed to "maintain enhance, and interpret" the national historic significance of the 1965 Voting Rights March as a legacy to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all who marched along the route to fight for voting rights legislation.

MAJOR BLACK HISTORY TRAILS and pathfinders include, starting on the West Coast, actress Lena Horne, explorer James Beckwourth and cowboy Bill Pickett, jazz and blues pioneers Louis Armstrong and W. C. Handy, inventor Garrett A. Morgan, with his stoplight, Chicago's Black founder Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Black Civil War soldiers, singer Marian Anderson, baseball star Jackie Robinson, pioneer filmmaker Oscar Micheaux, Harriet Tubman, and educator Mary McLeod Bethune.

Within recent years, local, state and federal agencies have focused national attention on these trails as tourist attractions and highways to the American past and future. The most important of these programs is the White House Millennium Trails Program which, in association with the Department of Transportation, is highlighting national trails, including a number of African-American trails. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater says funding for the new trails project as well as the extension, completion and enhancement of existing trails, will come in part from the new Transportation Equity Act.

Secretary Slater and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, coordinator of the White House Millennium effort, are urging Americans to recognize and celebrate existing trails and to seek out and create new trails in their neighborhoods and communities.

"The White House Millennium Council's Millennium

Trails project reinforces the connection between people, their land and their history and culture," says First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. "Through millennium trails, more Americans will be connected to our past. On the Underground Railroad, for example, you can experience the journey of Harriet Tubman, who risked her life to bring slaves to freedom. By recognizing such trails, more Americans will have the chance to really think through what is important to us about our country and how we want to work together to clear a path to our future."

Under the Millennium project, 12 U. S. Trails will be designated as flagship National Millennium Trails; 52 will be designated as Millennium Trails chosen by the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and more than 2,000 will be designated as Community Millennium Trails.

Several states are planning to include Underground Railroad routes on their trails. The Ohio River Scenic route, more than 800 miles long, is designated as a National Scenic Byway. The states along that route, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, have been working together to identify special routes used by Underground Railroad conductors who moved slaves from the slave states to the Northern states and Canada. In New York, the Seaway Trail interprets the sites and residences of important leaders in the Underground Railroad movement, including the home of Harriet Tubman, called "Moses," a major figure of the Underground Railroad.

Other scenic trails proposed include the Jazz Trail, up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to St. Louis. Trails depicting the Great Migration North are planned for the South and Midwest, and trails are planned in the West in the San Francisco Bay region, Denver and Los Angeles, Appalachia and the Grand Canyon.

Trails that are near and dear to African-American history will be central to the program, Slater says. Other major stops on any African-American history trail include: Abolitionist Frederick Douglass' house in Washington, D.C.; Sojourner Truth's gravesite in Battle Creek, Michigan; and the Black Cowboys Trail up from Texas and through Colorado. The blues trail from Alabama and Mississippi to Memphis and St. Louis and the Gospel trail, including historic sites on the South Side of Chicago associated with the music's founder, Thomas Dorsey. The jazz trail includes New Orleans, Harlem, Kansas City, Missouri, Chicago, and the homes of Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Louis Armstrong and other great jazz musicians.

"There are a number of very unique trails planned," Slater says, including a plan to coordinate with the

Department of Commerce on an 'I Have A Dream' theme, "focusing specifically on African-American contributions, including sites central to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Atlanta, but not just in Atlanta, but all over the country."

"The Millennium Trails project's ultimate goal is to have a recreational trail within 15 minutes of every home in the United States," Slater says. The trails provide "real connections" between the people, the land and our history, he added.

Ebony Magazine, February 1999

POINTS OF PRIDE

By Robin Rauzi, *Los Angeles Times, Staff Writer*
February 4, 1999

In LA, Black history begins with the first pueblo settlers. City landmarks trace the path of African American life from 1781 to the present.

Los Angeles is perceived as a city that buries its own history, where monuments crumble from earthquakes and freeways gouge through old neighborhoods. But the city has its crusaders for history, some raised here, some transplants curious about what's hidden under the city's layers of stucco. Among the preservationists is Our Authors Study Club, the organization that spearheaded Los Angeles' first observance of Black History Week in 1949 and has remained the keeper of the flame. The Club will lead a tour of historic spots for African American Angelenos on Saturday, just as it has for 30 years.

"A lot of people who are on this [tour] committee are Angelenos who grew up here, so they give personal insights into the history," said Joyce Sumbi, the group's recording secretary.

Emma Pullen, who moved from North Carolina to Los Angeles 21 years ago at age 26, similarly has thrown herself into local African American history. She works as a researcher with the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research on its South-Central project, which is tracing the history and demographic shifts of that region. She also just produced the short documentary "Marching Into the Millennium," an overview of Black Angeleno history, for the city's Cultural Affairs Department. Not everyone realizes the value in his or her own memories, Pullen said. She interviewed people who lived near Central Avenue in the 1940s, for instance, "And I was telling *them* things," she said.

To prevent the memories of neighborhoods, businesses and clubs from fading along with buildings themselves, groups such as the African

American Tourism and Hospitality Council work to draw attention to what remains. James Burks, who is chairman of the council, said that tours of historic African American sites aren't just interesting to the tourists.

"What tourism does is give a sense of perspective to the people who live in those areas," Burks said. "It says to them that they should be proud of where they live, and know it's important."

Sprinkled throughout L.A.'s urban sprawl are some points of particular historic interest that might make a timely tour during February, Black History Month:

El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park- Los Angeles' first Black community was within the first pueblo here. In February 1781, 44 people set out from Spanish Colonial Mexico to establish a pueblo between the missions in San Gabriel and Santa Barbara. More than half of them--26--were of African descent. Their ancestors were some of the estimated 100,000 to 200,000 Africans brought to New Spain by the Spanish as slaves and laborers in the 1500s and 1600s. By 1700, most were free subjects of New Spain, integrated with the local Indian tribes and mestizo population, and helped to colonize Alta (North) California.

A plaque near the gazebo in El Pueblo de Los Angeles pays tribute to those 11 families that arrived here September 4, 1781, and lists their names, age and race. While the plaque is a small thing, its telling to Sumbi. "If people really thought about that," she said "Los Angeles has been multicultural from the very beginning." **El Pueblo de Los Angeles**, 622 North Main Street (213) 628-1274.

Biddy Mason Park - Born into slavery in Georgia, Biddy Mason who was brought to San Bernardino by her master, Robert Marion Smith, in 1851 and continued to work for him as a slave despite the fact that California was a free state. When Smith tried to take Mason and her family back to Texas in 1855, where slavery was still legal, she sued Smith. A ruling freed Mason and her family, and they settled in Los Angeles.

Mason worked as a midwife and invested \$250--10 years' worth of savings--in two plots of land on Spring Street, between 3rd and 4th streets. When the area became part of the city's financial district, she became wealthy, letting out office buildings on the property. In 1871, she founded the First African Methodist Episcopal Church--which is still one of the city's most prominent congregations--in her living room.

The park, near the site of her original homestead, contains an 8-by-81-foot tableau that traces the

events of her remarkable life. **Biddy Mason Park, Broadway Spring Center**, 333 South Spring Street, Closes at 9 p.m. (213) 626-2009.

African American Firefighter Museum - Fire Station No. 30 was one of only two stations in the city where African Americans were allowed to work during the first half of the century. After the U.S. Supreme Court declared "separate but equal" public schools unconstitutional in 1954, other public agencies, including the Fire Department, were forced to desegregate. The Black firefighters, whose numbers had been limited by the fact that they could only work at two stations, were spread throughout the city, often only one to a station.

In December 1997, Fire Station No. 30 was turned into a museum honoring those men and their predecessors in the department. Much of the material on display came from Arnett Hartsfield, a retired firefighter, professor and attorney who carefully recorded the experiences of African Americans during the integration of the city's Fire Department in his book "*The Old Stentorians*." Other Stentorians--members of an organization for Black firefighters--have contributed photos and uniforms as well.

African American Firefighter Museum, 1401 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles (213) 744-1730. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the second and fourth Sundays of each month, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Lincoln Theatre - Starting in the 1920s, the Lincoln Theatre was the preeminent venue for African American entertainment in the West. Theater productions, swing music, films and comedians were all presented at the Lincoln, which is now the Crouch Temple Church of God in Christ.

When 17-year-old Clora Bryant arrived in Los Angeles in 1945, the Lincoln made a big impression. "Coming from the South, it was quite impressive to me, especially because it was in the Black neighborhood," said Bryant, 71, who went on to play trumpet in clubs up and down Central Avenue. "I'd seen big marquees and things back East, but to see one in our neighborhood that was big and flashy... When you went inside, there was an aura and a feeling... I felt like I was part of that area and I was part of that theater." **The Lincoln Theatre**, 23rd Street and South Central Avenue.

The California Eagle - Under editor Charlotta Bass, the *California Eagle* crusaded for voting rights and the end of Jim Crow laws, covered the lives of African Americans largely ignored by the other daily newspapers and exposed the plans of the Ku Klux Klan. After the Eagle reported in 1925 that the KKK was trying to influence the government of Watts,

which had not yet been incorporated into Los Angeles, the Klan sued for libel. After losing, eight Klansmen tried to intimidate Bass at her office one night. They retreated after she pulled a gun out of her desk. Today that two-story brick building holds an appliance store.

Bass, who came to Los Angeles in 1910, practiced what her weekly paper preached. She took over the *Advocate*, renaming it the *California Eagle*, in 1912 and the paper lasted until 1964. She was a labor activist and after she sold the newspaper in 1951, she ran for Congress and later for vice president on the Progressive Party ticket. **The California Eagle office**, 4071-4075 South Central Avenue (now an appliance store).

Ralph Bunche House - Years before he was a diplomat and Nobel laureate, Ralph Bunche was a student at John Adams Junior High School and Jefferson High School. The small frame house is where Bunche lived with his family until he graduated from UCLA in 1927. Vacant, boarded up and marred by graffiti, the house sits behind a chain-link fence begging for rehabilitation.

Bunche taught political science at Howard University from 1928 to 1940 and earned his doctorate from Harvard in 1934. He later went to work for the State Department and then the United Nations, advising members on issues related to African colonialism. In 1950 his efforts as part of the U. N. Palestine Commission earned him the Nobel Peace Prize, making him the first African American to be so honored. **Ralph Bunche House**, 1221 East 40th Place.

Dunbar Hotel - In the 1920s, dentist John Alexander Somerville was denied a room at a hotel in San Francisco because he was Black. In 1928, he built his own hotel on Central Avenue at 42nd Street, determined to give Blacks a high-quality place to stay in Los Angeles.

When the stock market crashed in 1929, Somerville lost the hotel, which was bought by the Lincoln Hotel Company and renamed after the Black poet Paul Laurence Dunbar. Located next door to the now gone Club Alabama and near other clubs, the Dunbar was the hone-away-from-home for countless jazz notables, including Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. Some of their names are still visible on the directory of residents at the front door. The refurbished building and the block to the south are the most enduring reminders of this corridor a half-century earlier. In the lobby is "Pride and Perseverance," a display about Central Avenue in its heyday.

"You gotta go there and feel the ghosts of those jazz

artists who played there and who slept there," said Burks of the African American Tourism and Hospitality Council, who is also director of William Grant Still Art Center. "Everything Walter Mosley wrote in his books you can feel in the hotel." **Dunbar Hotel**, 4225 South Central Avenue, Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and on weekends for specific events. (323) 234-7882.

Sugar Hill/West Adams District - Starting in the 1930s, the West Adams district was home to many of Los Angeles' middle-and upper class African Americans. Among the Hollywood set who lived there were actresses Louise Beavers, Butterfly McQueen and Oscar winner Hattie McDaniel.

The neighborhood had been predominantly white until the Depression, when many residents were forced to sell their homes. In an effort to keep Blacks out, restrictive covenants were attached to property deeds, forbidding Blacks to own or inhabit homes there. In 1943, a group of white homeowners actually tried to remove about 30 Black families from the neighborhood, including the three famed actresses of the day. But such covenants--which covered huge portions of the city--were deemed unenforceable by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1948 and outlawed completely five years later. A few years after that, Sugar Hill--as West Adams was also known--was unceremoniously split in half by the Santa Monica Freeway construction. Many of the impressive homes remain, however, in the areas just north and south of the freeway. **West Adams/Sugar Hill**, between Western and Normandie Avenue, Washington and Adams Boulevards. Hattie McDaniels's house, 2203 South Harvard Blvd., Butterfly McQueen's house, 2215 South Harvard Blvd. and Louise Beavers' house, 2219 South Hobart Blvd.

Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company - The Golden State Mutual Life Insurance building is as significant for the business inside as is the structure itself. In 1925, William Nickerson, Jr., Norman O. Houston and George A. Beavers started an insurance company in a few upstairs rooms in an office building along Central Avenue. Their clients were African Americans, who were forced to pay punitively high premiums by other, white-owned companies, or deemed uninsurable altogether.

The large, modern building at Western Avenue and Adams Boulevard is testimony to their success. Noted Black architect Paul Revere Williams--who also designed the Hollywood YMCA, Chasen's restaurant and numerous stars' homes--designed the building.

During office hours, visitors can see some of the company's art; Golden State Mutual has a nearly

unrivaled collection of African American art, including works by painters Charles White, Barnette Honeywood and Hughie Lee-Smith and painter-sculptor Elizabeth Catlett. Two large murals from 1949 by Hale Woodruff and Charles Alston depict the history of Blacks in California. **Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company** building, 1999 West Adams Blvd. (323) 731-1131.

Watts Labor Community Action Committee

Center - Founded by Ted Watkins, Sr. near the time of the Watts riots in 1965, the Watts Labor Community Action Committee worked with labor unions and the government to provide jobs and housing to residents of South-Central Los Angeles.

In a horrible irony, Watkins and his staff had to flee their headquarters in the spring of 1992, when rioters broke into the complex and burned its offices and part of the center. But the organization rebuilt and the center now holds a Civil Rights Museum in Phoenix Hall, which focuses on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the events leading to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Also worth noting in the 16-foot "Mother of Humanity" bronze statue created by Nijel in 1995. **Watts Labor Community Action Committee Building**, 10954 South Central Avenue Museum open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Suggested donation, \$5; \$3, students/seniors. (323) 563-5642.

Ted Watkins Memorial Park - Formerly Will Rogers Memorial Park, this oasis in the middle of Watts was renamed for Watkins after his death in 1994. Along the eastern side, at Success Avenue, is the Promenade of Prominence, which commemorates the achievements of local politicians, activists and others with marble plaques set into the sidewalk. **Ted Watkins Memorial Park**, 103rd Street and South Central Avenue.

Watts Towers - Built between 1921 and 1954 by Italian immigrant Simon Rodia, the three spiraling towers became a sort of visual symbol for the community of Watts when they emerged unscathed from the 1965 uprising.

Annexed by Los Angeles in 1926, Watts was the gateway for many of the city's immigrants, including thousands of African Americans from the South and Texas driven west during the Depression. By 1950, more than 70% of Watts residents were Black. Today, the area is more than half Latino.

The Watts Towers Art Center has a gallery, sponsors classes and even has a composer-in-residence. On February 27th the new Cultural Crescent Amphitheater will be dedicated as well. **Watts Towers and Art Center**, 1727 East 107th Street, (323) 569-8181.

Leimert Park Village - Centered at 43rd Place and Degnan Boulevard, Leimert Park Village has since the 1970s emerged as the center of African American culture in Los Angeles. Coffeehouses, jazz clubs, art galleries and dance studios all thrive, and the area is the host for countless African American celebrations, from Kwanzaa to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. "It is what Central Avenue used to be," said Pullen, the historian and documentary filmmaker. "You have an artistic community that meets there all the time." **Leimert Park Village**, along Degnan Boulevard north of Leimert Park.

EVENTS IN THE HOOD

Pan African Film & Art Festival - February 4-15, 1999 at the Magic Johnson Theatres, Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, at the corner of King and Crenshaw.

Paul Robeson Centennial Celebration - February 20, 1999, between 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., at the Paul Robeson Community Center, 6569 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044. For further information call (213) 752-7285 or visit their website at <http://pobox.com/~robson>.

PBS BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERIES - Throughout February. For a list of shows, check your TV Guide.

CAAGS BOOK CORNER

Africans in Colonial Louisiana, subtitled "**The Development of Afro-Creole Culture in the Eighteenth Century**", by Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, published by the Louisiana State University Press, 1992, \$18.95 + tax; a rich study of the ways in which Africans imported from Senegambia shaped the culture and society of colonial Louisiana through a process of creolization; discusses the lives of slaves, free people and maroons in both cities and swamps; several detailed appendices and a chapter on sources and their availability.

The Free People of Color of New Orleans, An Introduction, by Mary Gehman, published by Margaret Media Inc., 1994 (autographed by author) \$10 + tax; While New Orleans has been referred to by some travel writers of today as the most africanized city in the U.S., the city historically had a 3-tiered racial background: white, free person of color, and slave. This book begins a chronological study of the history of the widely misunderstood middle-tier, "les gens de couleur libre", known after the Civil War as Creoles of Color, and today simply as Creoles; many sources given for additional study if the reader desires.

Submitted by Alva Griffith

"SHARED HERITAGE"

The "Shared Heritage" Conference Committee is looking for family photographs to print in our brochure. Anyone who would like to submit photographs for the brochure, please contact Erma Hurse.

Submitted by Erma J. Hurse

ANOTHER STAMP CAUSE

Please take a few seconds to do this!!! Visit the site below to support the U. S. Commemorative Postal Stamp Petition.

<http://www.prh2000.org/petition2.htm>

Your support is greatly needed in reaching the goal of obtaining a U. S. Commemorative Postal Stamp for the late Patricia Roberts Harris. She was the first Black female Ambassador. A target goal of 20,000 supporters is needed to make this a reality.

Unknown - Internet

Although the Postal Service, despite 90,000 signatures and letters urging them to honor Paul Robeson on his Centennial, did not respond with a stamp this year, the stamp campaign will be intensified. The goal is to gather 250,000 signatures at centennial celebrations taking place around the country and the world. A stamp will be a fitting tribute to this great athlete, singer, actor, linguist, lawyer and fighter for civil rights, peace and justice. He would be joining other great African-American leaders who have been honored with stamps, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois.

Paul Robeson Community Center

FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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Pam McClester	

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the February meeting.

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Kim E. Clark	Jan Johnson
George E. Cohen	John Lakatta
Lawrence L. Daniels	Electra K. Price
Ethel Dillon	Arlene Rieux
Don Goodwin	Doris D. Rogers
Lula G. Harris	Ozieal F. Smith

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

50/50 Raffle

The winner of the 50/50 drawing for January was Eva Allen. The total was \$31. The split was \$15.50 for CAAGS and \$15.50 for Eva Allen. Eva generously donated \$5.50 back to the society. Thanks Eva

I presented a State of the Fundraising Committee report. If you would like a copy, please see me after the next meeting.

Any fundraising ideas, please call me at (323) 669-1982. Charlotte.

Submitted by Charlotte Bocage

1999 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership fees are due and payable in January of each year. Members whose dues have not been paid to the Treasurer by March 1st will have their names removed from all the Organization's mailing and membership lists. A member removed for non-payment of dues will be reinstated after paying the delinquent dues.

NEW MEMBERS joining in November or December dues shall apply to subsequent year.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

February 22, 1999 for March 1999 issue

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CAAGS LIBRARY COLLECTION

This Was Harlem, A Cultural Portrait, 1900-1950.
By Jervis Anderson

African American Genealogical Sourcebook.
Edited by Paula K. Byers, c. 1995.

American Legacy Magazine, Summer 1998-v. 4 #2, Fall 1998-v.4 #3, Winter 1999-v.4 #4.

Hamilton County, Ohio Burial Records, Vol. 2 - Anderson Township 1800-1989. Published by the Hamilton County Chapter of the Genealogical Society. Mary H. Remler, Editor.

Submitted by Evelyn Ross

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Check out the sites below for free forms and other goodies. The Soundex card is an especially good one. These forms may be printed from the net.

<http://www.genealogy-mall.com/freechar.htm>
<http://www.genealogy-mall.com/sndxcard.htm>
<http://www.genealogy-mall.com/>

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A listing of e-mail addresses is located at the sign-in table of each meeting, or you may request the current listing from the Editor.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY CRUISE

There is an African-American Genealogy Cruise to the Caribbean being planned for July 2001. This would be a great way for you and your family to celebrate a Family Reunion and learn all about genealogy research. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Colette DeVerge at (323) 933-8381.

SCHEDULED OF COLONIAL TERRITORIAL, AND STATE CENSUS RECORDS

Iowa: 1836, 1838, 1840, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1854, 1856, 1859, 1862, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869, 1873, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925.

Kansas: 1855, 1859, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925.

Kentucky: 1792, 1798, 1799, 1803, 1807, 1811, 1815, 1819, 1823, 1827, 1831, 1835, 1839, 1843, 1847, 1851, 1859, 1867, 1875, 1883, 1891, 1899.

(to be continued).

CAAGS CALENDAR

February 20, 1999 - Black History Month, Marilyn White, our Historian will discuss "CAAGS History and The Seven Principles (Kwanzaa Year Round)"

March 20, 1999 - Our Guest Speaker, Joanne F. Bliss, will discuss "Native Americans and the Black Connections".

COMMITTEES

If you have any interest in joining one of CAAGS Committees, please review the sign-up booklets and contact Kenneth Kwame Welsh, President.

BOARD MEETINGS

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS, THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M., EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, THE MEETING MOVES TO THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Marjorie & Ron Higgins, 1514 West 95th Street, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 777-4816.

Directions: Take the Harbor Fwy. (#110) to the Century Blvd. exit (going westbound), toward the Los Angeles Airport. Turn right (northbound) on Normandie and turn left (westbound) on 95th Street. The house is in the second block on the left-hand side of the street. The surrounding major streets are: Century Blvd. (on the south), Manchester (on the north), Normandie (on the east), and Western (on the west).

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CAAGS MEETING

March 20, 1999

Martin Luther King, Jr.
United Methodist Church
6625 4th Avenue & 67th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

General Schedule
9:00 - 10:30 Classes

Beginners and Intermediate Taught by
Colette DeVerge
"The Power of the Past"

10:30 - 11:00 - Business Meeting
11:00 - 11:15 - Break
11:30 - 1:00

Our Guest Speaker, Joanne F. Bliss, will discuss
"Native Americans and the Black Connections"

(Schedule is subject to change without notice.)

1865 - FREEDMAN'S BUREAU ESTABLISHED

Be not deceived,
The Struggle is far from over,
The best of being Black is yet to be---
So said the Ones who Died to set you free.

By Ossie Davis

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Shirley M. Hairston
Ruth Palmer

Shirley Hairston is researching Houston, Jenkins, and Rankins.

Ruth Palmer is researching Harris in Alexandria Parish, Louisiana.

CIVILIANS AT U.S. ARMY POSTS WERE DOCUMENTED

The Family Tree, October/November 1998, page 13B

Did you know that births, marriages and deaths of civilians at U.S. Army posts were recorded on cards dated 1884-1912? These cards consist of abstracts of reports sent by the posts to the Adjutant General's Office and are in Record Group 94 at the National Archives.

The cards recording each event are filed separately and arranged alphabetically by surname. Each birth card shows the name and sex of the baby, name, rank and military organization of the father, maiden name of the mother, number of children by the marriage and the date and place of birth.

Each marriage card shows the name, rank or occupation of the husband, name, age and place of birth of the wife, date and place of marriage.

Each death card shows the name of the civilian who died, name and where appropriate, rank and military rank of the husband or nearest relative, sex and age of the civilian who died, and date and place and cause of death.

With thanks to the *Prairie Land Genealogical Society*.

Submitted by Dories Rogers

'CITY OF THE DEAD' GETTING RENEWED ATTENTION

The LA Watts Times, June 11, 1998, Vol. XXV

By Gary Robertson, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

RICHMOND, Va. - They called it, reverently, "*The City of The Dead*."

It is a rolling 12-acre pastureland between St. John's Street and Lamb Avenue, dotted with monuments,

that holds the remains of untold thousands of free Blacks and slaves dating from 1815.

That was the year the Burying Ground Society of the Free People of Color of Richmond established a small cemetery so its members could begin their trip to heaven with dignity.

In time, Richmond's Black community expanded the site and created six cemeteries.

The elite of the post-Civil War Black community are buried on these grounds—ministers, educators, business leaders.

For years, the Barton Heights Cemeteries were largely neglected because no one was being buried there. Trees grew up in roads, vandals knocked over headstones or walked away with them, grass and weeds obscured graves. The old City of the Dead was being scoured from the pages of history.

That will change now. A highway historical marker on St. John's Street will proclaim the significance of the Black cemeteries.

In response, the city, which owns the cemeteries, has begun an extensive cleanup of the property and has pledged to keep it mowed.

Much of the credit goes to a former hairdresser from Niagara Falls, N.Y., who turned a family genealogical search into a crusade to preserve the Barton Heights Cemeteries, an irreplaceable link to the earliest days of the city's African American community.

Denise Grubb moved to Richmond three years ago to help care for an elderly aunt and to try to piece her life together after marital and medical problems. One of the things she wanted to accomplish was a genealogy of family members who used to live in Richmond.

"I never expected to find what I found," she said. Her father, Peter Woolfolk, had been a schoolteacher, the co-editor of an early Black newspaper, *The Virginia Star*, and the president of a Black-owned savings and loan society.

When she went searching for his grave in the Barton Heights Cemeteries—she still hadn't been able to find it—she became disturbed. What bothered her was not only the overgrown condition of the cemetery, but also the fact that people in the neighborhood seemed unaware of its history.

"They didn't know what it was...Some of them thought it was a Jewish cemetery. I feel kind of sad

that we let this past get away from us. This history here is so rich. It would make anyone proud," Ms. Grubb said.

"It's a history of ex-slaves who became doctors and lawyers and councilmen. It's a history of people who started with nothing and rose to greatness. They were people who helped rebuild Richmond. They were proud of being buried here. They called it *The City of the Dead*."

According to an article in the winter 1997 Virginia Cavalcade, published by the Library of Virginia, the cemeteries became the center of "Negro Memorial Day, a community wide ritual." A long procession, which included dignitaries and brass bands, would proceed to the cemeteries and decorate graves and mourn the passing of family members.

Ms. Grubb began her genealogical research, and subsequently her research into the history of the cemeteries, at the Museum of the Confederacy. She acknowledged the irony.

"They were offering a seminar in genealogy for African-Americans and I took it," Ms. Grubb said.

"They sent me to all the right places, and they told me not to give up hope. They said if I couldn't find something one place, maybe I could find it somewhere else."

Once Ms. Grubb realized that the Barton Heights Cemeteries were nearly abandoned, she organized The Burying Ground Preservation Society of Virginia, Inc. to help preserve the site.

One of those who joined her was the Rev. Joseph A. Carter Jr., who's now associated with the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

"We found that our ancestors were connected. My grandfather and her great-great grandfather were co-editors of *The Virginia Star*," Carter said.

Carter hopes that as more African-Americans learn about the importance of the Barton-Heights Cemeteries, they will "help us find out who's buried there. There aren't many records."

Submitted by Colette DeVerge'

SLAVERY SPECIAL

Rip@wamu.org (Richard L. Paul)

I am a producer at the National Public Radio Station in Washington.

This e-mail is going out to historians and people interested in African-American history around the country to let you know about a program we have produced that we think will be of interest to you. It is called "*A Small Southern Town: The Nation's Capital In Slave Times*" and it offers the first-person accounts of people who lived in slavery; the voices of those who worked to end slavery and those who strove to keep it in Washington, DC.

The show will tell of one family's role in one of the largest mass-escapes of slaves in American history. We will recreate a debate in the House of Representatives as northern Congressmen try to end Congress self-imposed ban petitions discussing slavery. And, you will learn the surprising, real location of one of the most famous houses in American literature, Uncle Tom's Cabin.

If you would like to hear the program, you can take a role in seeing that it gets on the air.

It has just been made available to Public Radio Stations around the country. However, it is up to individual stations whether or not they carry it.

Phone calls from people in the listening audience never hurt when a station is making this kind of decision.

Again, the program's title is: "*A Small Southern Town: The Nation's Capital In Slave Times*." I hope you get to hear it.

Internet

LOUISIANA SLAVE DATABASE **COMING SOON**

SelinVa@aol.com(Selma)

I had the pleasure of attending the "Transatlantic Slaving and African Diaspora: Using the W.E.B. Du Bois Dataset of Slaving Voyages" held in Williamsburg, Va. this past weekend (I will be posting information about that Dataset which includes information on over 27,000 slaving voyages to the Americas - not just the U.S. which accounted for less than 10% of the slave trade). On Saturday, Dr. Gwendolyn Midlo Hall (History Professor, Rutgers University, Emeritus) gave a wonderful presentation on the Relational Database, Louisiana Slaves, 1723-1820. Databases for the Study of Louisiana History and Genealogy (Louisiana State University Press) - available in CD ROM format, for which she served as editor, which will be available in Jan. 1999 at a cost of less than \$50. It will include the following info: Spreadsheet Records of the Catholic Church of Louisiana 1720-1820; Gwen Midlo Hall - Louisiana

Slave Manumissions 1720-1820, 3,898 records, 92 fields, Shipping Data Through the Port of New Orleans through 1820, and the New Orleans Census of 1778.

It contains 90,330 records, each representing a slave, 123 fields (consisting of comparable info) entered almost entirely from original manuscript sources in French, Spanish, and English. Complete source information with exact date and location is included.

A sampling of specific fields.

Names of Slaves: 82,491 legible names, 5,647 different African names, 10,044 total African names, 9,229 names which could be African or European; 8,308 missing or illegible. First and last names of deceased, sellers or owners and buyers of slaves.

Gender of slaves: males 49,045; females, 38,454; unidentified 2,829. Race of Slaves: Black, 77,34; Mulatto, 4,999; Quadroon, 252; Octoroon = 1; Indian 201; Grif 850; Other 26; total unidentified 83,960; unidentified 6,370.

Age of slaves' Numeric age: 73,380, by age categories; child - 2,931, young and adult- 8,481; old-303; total age category -11,715.

Birthplace identified: 30,007; Africans whose ethnicity's are identified: 10,256; Africans whose ethnicity's are not given or remains unidentified; 6, 148; Birthplace unidentified 60,323.

Slave trade voyage on which slaves arrived about 250 distinct ships, many making several voyages, coming from ports in Africa, the Caribbean and the US.

A must for anyone researching Louisiana...I will keep you posted when I get specific information when it will be available.

Internet

HERITAGE BOOKS NEWS

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MILITARY BOOK SHOW

American History, April 1999

I want **YOU** for the **MILITARY** Book Show.

Thursday, April 29, 1999
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You are invited to attend the 16th Annual Military Book Show. This is a free, informal tabletop show held in conjunction with the Book Expo America Trades Show and the American Booksellers Association's Convention to provide an international showcase for publishers of military history.

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Submitted by Lloydine Outten

MARCH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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Art Bragg	Ray Marshall
Colette DeVerge'	Lloydine Outten
Paula Lauren Gibson	Betty Palmer
Shirley M. Hairston	Ruth Palmer
Betty Lawson	

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the March meeting.

MIXED RACE TERMS

Colored - 1. Term used to refer to Mulattos, especially those with lighter complexions. 2. People with any known Black African ancestry.

Miscegenation - the interbreeding of what are presumed to be distinct human races, especially marriage or cohabitation between white and nonwhite persons.

Mestizo - a man of mixed European and American Indian ancestry.

Mestiza - 1. A woman of mixed European and American Indian ancestry. 2. Anyone of mixed blood, though in North America he is generally considered a mixture of White and Indian.

Mulatto - 1. A person having one White and one Negro parent or, loosely, anyone with White and Negro blood. 2. The offspring of Whites and Nonwhites (i.e., Indian and White or Negro and White). 3. The offspring of Whites and mixed Negroes. 4. People with any known

Zambo - Mixture of Indians and Africans.

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Child</u>
Black & White	Mulatto
Mulatto & White	Quadroon
Quadroon & White	Octoroon
Mulatto & Mulatto	Cascos
Mulatto & Black	Sambo
Sambo & Black	Mango
Octoroon & White	Mustiffee
Mustiffee & White	Mustifino
Cordon Bleu - class of wealthy free Blacks who were products of French/Black liaisons.	

Unknown - Internet

EVENTS IN THE HOOD

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS, March 20, 1999, 8 p.m., \$55, \$49, \$40, \$16 (UCLA Students with full-time I.D.), UCLA, Royce Hall. The world's largest jazz organization, Jazz at Lincoln Center, presents one of its largest projects to date - The Ellington Centennial - a year-long acknowledgement of Duke Ellington's unequalled contributions to jazz. Famed trumpeter Wynton Marsalis leads the official "house band," in a swinging all Ellington program.

UCLA Performing Arts, 1999/Jan-May.

'HOW I CAME TO BE MY OWN GRANDFATHER'

Cass County Connections, December 1993

Why He Went Crazy

A gentleman was one day visiting a lunatic asylum, and while walking on the grounds he met a patient, to whom he said: "Well my good man, how did you get here?"

"Well, sir, you see, I married a widow with a grown-up daughter, and then my father married that same step-daughter, and that made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law, and my father became my step-son."

"Then my step-mother, the daughter of my wife, had a son, and that boy, of course, was my brother, because he was my father's son, but he was also the son of my wife's step-daughter, and therefore her grandson, and that made me grandfather of my step-brother."

"Then my wife had a son, so my mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son, is also his grandmother, because he is her step-son's child; my father is the brother-in-law of my own son, who is also the son of my step-grandmother; I am my mother's brother-in-law; my wife is her own child's aunt; my son is my father's nephew, and I am my own grand-father!"

Submitted by Colette DeVerge'

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Daniel Davis	Evelyn Ross
Dorothy Gaither	Kenneth Kwame Welsh
Isaac Miller	Sandra Welsh
Carolyn Rosenberg	

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Fundraising Committee

No one showed up for the Fundraising Committee meeting last month except Erma Hurse and me. I will continue with the 50/50 raffle every month. We need someone for our recycling program and some one to start the Christmas Card sales in July. Please call me at (323) 669-1982, if you are interested.

50/50 Raffle

The winner of the 50/50 Opportunity drawing was Asbury Ellis, he shared the \$32 pot and won \$16.

Genealogy Seminar

Our CAAGS Genealogy seminar is Saturday, October 16, 1999, from 8 am - 4 p.m. If you are not signed up for a committee, please contact Erma Hurse at (909) 736-5461.

Thank you for all your help.

Curtis' Mayfield Poetry Book

We also raised \$16 from the sale of the Curtis' Mayfield and songs book I will have more on sale for \$4 at the March general meeting

Submitted by Charlotte Bocage

RELATIONS

Cass County Connections, December 1993

The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin, but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin TWICE REMOVED, and HIS child is your first cousin three times removed.

Your second cousin is your grandparents' brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

AND your third cousin? Its your great grandparents' brother's (or sister's) great grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child is your third cousin twice removed.

The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew or grandniece.

The sister or brother of your grandparents is your great Aunt or great Uncle.

The sister or brother of your great-grandparent is your great-grandaunt or great-granduncle.

Whew! Isn't this grand? Or is it great?

Submitted by Colette DeVerge'

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

March 22, 1999 for April 1999 issue

THE HISTORY OF LAST NAMES

<http://clanhouston.com/name/namehist.htm>

Did your grandparents have a middle name? If they did, chances are their parents didn't. The three-name system that is fairly standard among the English speaking countries is a relatively recent development. Still -- it wasn't just invented. The Romans had an elaborate three name system that fell along with the Empire, and by the fourth century AD there was nary a middle or last name to be found. Single names worked as well as can be expected for the next six hundred years. The practice of attaching a word to help identify a man was resurrected in Venice and spread first to France, then England, then Germany -- then to the rest of Europe. (Most of Europe, anyway...) Today, those without a surname are the exception, and even Cher, Madonna, and Sting started out with a last name!

The Chinese were the first to adopt surnames to honor their forebears, with the family name placed first, rather than last. Thus, the family name of Sun Yat-sen is Sun. Surnames that describe a man by his relatives are only one of the several categories of surnames.

When communities consisted of just a few people, surnames weren't so important. But as each town acquired more and more Johns and Mary's, the need was established for a way to identify each from the other. The Romans had begun the practice of using "given name + clan-name + family name" about 300 BC. In the English-speaking part of the world, the exact date that surnames began to be adopted can't be pinpointed. *The Domesday Book* compiled by William the Conqueror required surnames, but hereditary surnames are not considered to have been commonplace until the late 1200s.

William Camden wrote in *Remains of a Greater Work Concerning Britain*: (1586)

"About the year of our Lord 1000...surnames began to be taken up in France, and in England about the time of the conquest, or else a very little before, under King Edward the Confessor, who was all Frenchified...but the French and we termed them Surnames, not because they are the names of the sire, or the father, but because they are super added to Christian names as the Spanish called them Renombres, as Renames".

The Internet

QUERY

Marjorie Sholes-Higgins, P. O. Box 8443, Los Angeles, CA 90008-0443, (323) 777-4816, E-Mail: MHIGG71503@aol.com. Surnames being researched are Spears and Dickey. Looking for parents of Spears, Calvin, b. 2 October 1839, d. 11 August 1930, m. Viney Dickey 29 March 1871 in Clinton, LA. Had nine (9) children:

- (1) Mack, b. 9 January 1872
- (2) Robert, b. 8 October 1873, d. August 1905
- (3) Parish, b. 18 October 1875, d. unknown
- (4) Admiral, b. 11 December 1877, d. 15 July 1878
- (5) William, b. 24 March 1880, d. unknown
- (6) Rosa, b. 08 June 1882, d. 23 July 1970
- (7) Patsy, b. 18 June 1884, d. unknown
- (8) Lillie, b. 15 September 1888, d. unknown
- (9) Charlie, b. 09 January 1890, d. 24 October 1986

Civil War Veteran Co. E. 80th USC Inf. Owned a farm in Wilson and buried somewhere on the land.

Marjorie Sholes-Higgins, P. O. Box 8443, Los Angeles, CA 90008-0443, (323) 777-4816, E-Mail: MHIGG71503@aol.com. Surnames being researched are Sample and Gayden. Looking for information on Sample, John b. unknown, d. 19 February 1911 - killed on railroad, m. Callie Gayden 16 January 1901 in E. Feliciana, LA. Had five (5) children:

- (1) Venus, b. 15 October 1902, d. 26 September 1996
- (2) John Jr., b. 1904, d. 1957
- (3) Sadie, b. 07 November 1905, living
- (4) Eugene, b. 25 November 1907, d. 9 December 1986
- (5) Pearl, b. 25 May 1908, d. 19 January 1991

Father: unknown, Mother: Emeline Lewis Banks. Family lived in the Gurley area and worked the Gayden plantation.

CAAGS MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

March is the deadline for your MEMBERSHIP renewal fee. Don't miss your April newsletter, send your dues in now.

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The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

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A listing of e-mail addresses is located at the sign-in table of each meeting, or you may request the current listing from the Editor. Please verify your correct e-mail address.

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<http://www.usaafrikaonline.com>
<http://www.wwbol.com>

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Louisiana: 1790, 1805, 1806, 1811, 1813, 1817, 1821, 1825, 1829, 1833, 1837, 1841, 1845, 1853, 1858.

Maine: 1798, 1837.

Maryland: 1701, 1704, 1708, 1710, 1712, 1755, 1762, 1776, 1778.

Massachusetts: 1754, 1764, 1783, 1785-86, 1793, 1798, 1837, 1840, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945.

Michigan: 1799, 1806, 1827, 1834, 1837, 1845, 1854, 1864, 1874, 1884, 1894, 1904, 1935.

(to be continued).

CAAGS CALENDAR

March 20, 1999 – Our Guest Speaker, Joanne F. Bliss, will discuss “*Native Americans and the Black Connections*”.

April 17, 1999 - To be announced.

May 12-15, 1999 - NGS Conference in Richmond, Virginia.

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CAAGS MEETING

May 15, 1999

Martin Luther King, Jr.
United Methodist Church
6625 4th Avenue & 67th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

General Schedule

9:00 - 10:30 Classes

Beginners and Intermediate Taught by
Kwame Welsh, the topic will be about
"Slave Ships"

10:30 - 11:00 - Business Meeting

11:00 - 11:15 - Break

11:30 - 1:00

Military History Month,
Roundtable Discussion

(Schedule is subject to change without notice.)

CAAGS MEETING

June 19, 1999

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THERE IS NO MEETING

JUNETEENTH - JUNE 19TH

Culture is not limited to the West, or Europe or a White skin or Christianity. Culture, in its truest sense, in its universal sense is the expression of the personality of a people.

By Bessie Head

MOTHER'S DAY

If anyone should ask a Negro woman in America what has been her greatest achievement, her honest answer would be "I survived!"

By Pauli Murray

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

May

Carolyn Conway
Edward Fletcher
Shirley Hairston
Emma Hurst
Barbara Irving
Gena Weaver
Virgilene West

June

June Boyd
Donald Brown
Alva Griffith
Raymond Marshall
Vera Merritt
Ruth Palmer
Evelyn Ross

MAY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Martha Clark and Vera Merritt

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the May meeting.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

June 22, 1999 for July/August 1999 issue

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

50/50 Raffle Results: The winner of the 50/50 Opportunity Drawing was Edward Fletcher, he shared the pot of \$24 and won \$12. Thanks Edward.

Opportunity Basket: It's Opportunity Basket time again. This year we would like more items donated, so the "Basket" won't be too expensive.

Here is a short list of the items we need for the "Basket": calculator, scissors, paperclips, magnifying

page, stapler, staples, pencils, pens, erasers, white out, highlighters, colored pencils, address books, and thank you cards. Please bring these items to the next meeting and drop them off at the Fundraising table.

Curtis Mayfield Poetry Book: The Curtis Mayfield "Poetic License" book is on sale at every general meeting for only \$4 each. We also have CAAGS bookmarks on sale at every general meeting for only \$1 each. Hand painted plaster family tree's are on sale for \$8.

Anyone interested in helping with the Recycling Project or Stay-at-Home Tea Project, please contact me.

To reach me for any of the above information, please call me at (323) 669-1982.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support.

Submitted by Charlotte Bocage

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Amendment XIII [1865]

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Black Law Dictionary

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof respectively shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall in the absence of strong countervailing testimony to be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion against the United States.

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of 100 days from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York Princess Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward shall be, free; and that the Executive Government of the United, including the military and naval authorities thereof, shall recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon all people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases where allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such

persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

The World Book Encyclopedia
E-Volume 6-1999 Edition

QUERIES

The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

BLACK WOMAN TO LEAD COMBAT SHIP FOR 1ST TIME

Associated Press

San Diego--Cmdr. Michelle Howard has become the first Black woman in Navy history to command a combat vessel.

"The military is the best equal opportunity employer in the United States," she said after assuming command of the *Rushmore* and its crew of 19 officers and 250 enlisted men and women. The *Rushmore* is expected to deploy to the Persian Gulf in June.

The ship, which carries hundreds of Marines, landing craft and amphibious assault vehicles, also becomes the first combat ship with women holding the top two command positions--commanding officer and executive officer.

At a change of command ceremony Friday in San Diego, she succeeded Cmdr. Thomas Williams, skipper for the previous 11 months. Howard acknowledged the significance of the assignment, calling it a historic day for the Navy and Black Americans.

Through World War II, the Navy was segregated, with Blacks serving as mess attendants. There is now

an African American four-star Admiral, the Navy's highest rank.

Los Angeles Times, March 14, 1999

COMPUTER CORNER

Emerge, Technology, November 1998

The N-Word Finds A New Home in Cyberspace

"Nigger" is a word that flames emotions like perhaps no other; a vile epithet historically used, sometimes successfully, to dismiss a person or group of people as worthless; a word so scorned in "sophisticated" society that it has substituted the phrase "the n-word."

Southern politicians won and, as in the case of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, sometimes lost campaigns on their abilities to "out-nigger" their opponents or detail a convincing plan for keeping Black people "in their place."

Now history appears to be repeating itself in cyberspace as fledgling communities' spring up and reflect past and present in the real world. Some web "netizens" bring their real world racial hatred and loathing with them.

This is illustrated by the proliferation of White supremacy hate groups online and the running online battles generated by the vile, Hitlerian messages of hate they direct at African-Americans, Latinos, Asians and Jews.

One of the clearest examples of this is the use of the n-word in cyberspace. If you use one of the popular online search engines to look for instances of the word on the web, you will get responses numbering in the thousands. A recent search on Yahoo! was asked about its policies governing such posts. But Yahoo! turned out to be small potatoes. Infoseek identified 6,718 articles that contained the word; HotBot, 8,737; and Alta Vista, 15,473. Samplings of these found a majority to be the works of apparently uncomplicated individuals who simply could not contain their hatred. Many others were essays, songs and poetry written by African-Americans. Particularly disturbing is that a search for the term "Nigger" sometimes brings up articles or web sites by African-Americans that espouse a positive mission.

One of the first items on Yahoo's list of results, for example, is a link to Chocolate City, an African-American site that describes itself as "a place for the Black person who knows that he and the rest of his people have a lot more to contribute to the care and development of the planet than they are presently allowed." The site is dedicated to the uplifting of African-Americans.

Another post by a person using the name Snow White was titled "*The Truth About Blacks, Whites and Hate Crimes!*" Snow White blames "liberal" news media for allegedly distorting crime statistics to make Blacks appear to be the victims of hate crimes. "...Members of the White race have purposely been cast as the great victimizers of the Blacks!!! IT'S A TOTAL LIE!!," Show White writes. Readers are then given a link to a web page titled "Screaming Numbers: The Black War on White Americans -- An Overview of U. S. Crime!" (to be continued).

By Nathaniel Sheppard, Jr.

CAAGS CALENDAR

May 15, 1999 - Military History Month, Roundtable Discussion.

May 12-15, 1999 - NGS Conference in Richmond, Virginia.

June 12-13, 1999 - Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree in Pasadena, California.

June 19, 1999 - THERE WILL BE NO MEETING. Juneteenth Celebration. Marilyn White will be speaking at the Gene Autry Museum.

July 17, 1999 - Dr. Nellie Slaton, our guest speaker, will discuss African-Americans in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

August 21, 1999 - THERE WILL BE NO MEETING.

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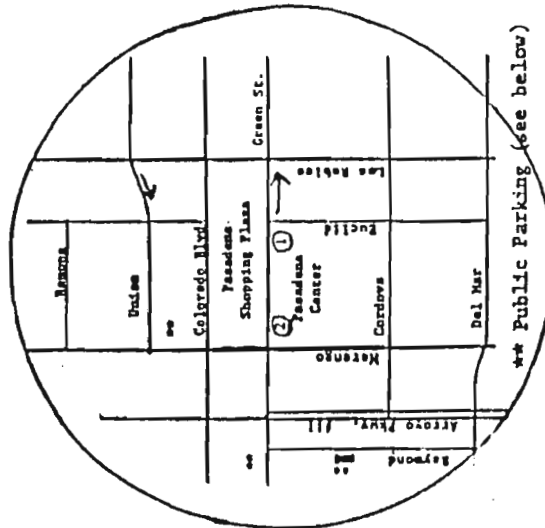
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SPEAKERS

SATURDAY - JUNE 12, 1999

CONFERENCE BUILDING RM 106

9:30 a.m. LINDA BRINKERHOFF
Vital Records on Data Bases

11:00 a.m. ARLENE EAKLE
New Resources for Virginia
Research

12:30 p.m. BILL DOLLARHIDE
Why Genealogists Should Know
About County Boundary Changes

2:00 p.m. LINDA McCLEARY
Using the Western States
Archives

3:30 pm. CARL BOYER
Notable Kin

CONFERENCE BUILDING RM 107

9:30 a.m. CURTIS BARRETT
The Slavs

11:00 a.m. JOHN HUMPHREY
The Genealogist Handbook for
Baptism Records

12:30 p.m. PAT GOOLDY
The Fighting Kentuckians

2:00 p.m. BETH WILSON
The Lay of the Land: Tracing
Your Ancestors Through Land

3:30 p.m. PETER CARR
Interlibrary Loan as a Tool

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The Sherwood Collection (British
Isles) What It Is & Its Value to
You in Researching Your Family

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Lost Overseas? Try U.S. Consular
Research

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The Fighting Kentuckians

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Reconstructing Families on the
Colonial Frontier

SPECIAL LECTURES ON SUNDAY ONLY - CYNDI HOWELLS
NETTING YOUR ANCESTORS: GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET
11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
COST: \$3.00

BEGINNER CLASSES - EXHIBITION BUILDING 2ND FLOOR
Saturday, June 12 at 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 13, at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Remember to visit our Surname Wall and post your name, address, and the surnames that interest you. The 1998 *Surname Wall Index* is available at the S.C.G.S. sales table.

A buffet lunch is available in the annex room. There is also a stand for sandwiches, hot dogs, etc. in the annex. You may feel free to bring your lunch and eat it in the annex area.

The *JAMBOREE* is the annual genealogical exhibition sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc. In addition to guest speakers, there are beginners classes and exhibits relating to every aspect of genealogical research. The *JAMBOREE* has been called the largest annual genealogical exhibition in the country.

The Exhibition Hall (2) houses exhibits of genealogical, historical and hereditary societies, family associations, adoptive organizations, and exhibitors. Items available for purchase range from genealogical charts and forms, family and country histories, "How To" books to bumper stickers, kilts, maps, calendars and books.

SCGS volunteers will staff tables providing research assistance for many of the states and foreign countries. Volunteers also staff special interest tables including American Indian, Amish, Black genealogy and the Research Team of the Southern California Genealogical Society.

Two large rooms in the Conference Building (1) will be used for lectures. Cyndi Howells will lecture in Rm. 102. For information, contact:

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JAMBOREE'99 Registration Form

Please return this registration form, along with your check and a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to:
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THERE IS NO MEETING

BLACKS ARRIVE IN U.S. AS INDENTURED SERVANTS AT JAMESTON, VA - AUGUST 20, 1619

When people made up their minds that they wanted
to be free and took action, then there was a change.

Rosa Parks

FATHER'S DAY

A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

JULY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Arte Marie Bragg
Colette DeVerge'
Marjorie Higgins

Betty Lawson
Rosalind Ricks

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the July
meeting.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.afriGeneas.com>
<http://www.aawc.com/aawc.html>
<http://www.4bia.com>

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

July

Eva Allen
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Mattie Curtis
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Herbert Laffoon, Jr.
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Barbara Thomas
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August

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Imani Oshodin
Lloydine Outten
Stanley Rodriguez

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I wish to apologize for the past three months in which
you were inconvenienced in receiving your
Newsletter. I have been experiencing problems with
my computer. Please accept my apology.

CAAGS' Evaluation Questionnaire: You are
welcome to submit suggestions that will be taken
under consideration.

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Cubia L. Bryant Bolden
Ada Bryant Dunlap
Lodis Bryant Green
Cheryle Louis
Rosalind Ricks

Cubia Bolden, Ada Dunlap, Lodis Green, and Cheryle Louis are researching Bryant-Red River Parish, Houna Louisiana, Sherman-Red River Parish, Lake End, Louisiana.

Rosalind Ricks is researching Cloud, Ellis, Hawkins, Howard and Pace from Colbert, Georgia.

Azzie Abbdulah (a.k.a. Cleo Lucas) has a correction of a name she is researching from Lycus to Lucas.

SLAVE SONG

Nommo: The African People's Magazine, July 1999

From the days you brought me on ships
To the days you beat me with whips
When in the fields I worked all day long I sang and
sang my slave songs

From the time you finally let me free
To the days I fought for this country
Overseas in Germany and Vietnam
I still sang my slave songs

From the church pews day and night
To the marches and protests for civil rights
I declared I'd keep moving on...and

I kept on singing my slave songs

Though they've changed throughout the years
As Jazz, Blues, and Gospel hid my fears
And now it's R&B and
Rap to the break of dawn
I continue to sing my slave songs

By Tony B. Conscious,
1998 *Concious Enterprises*

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

50/50 Raffle Results: The winner of the 50/50 Opportunity Drawing was Kwame Welsh. Kwame shared the pot of \$30 and won \$15. Thank you.

Opportunity Basket: It's "Opportunity Basket" time again. This year we would like more items donated, so the "Basket" won't be too expensive.

Here is a short list of the items we need: calculator,

scissors, staplers, staples, colored pencils, highlighters, stamps, and Thank You cards. Please contact Charlotte at (323) 669-1982, if you have any items.

Curtis Mayfield Poetry Book: The Curtis Mayfield "Poetic License" book is on sale at every general meeting for only \$4 each.

We have two tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. The tickets are \$1 each. Tickets will be on sale at each CAAGS General meeting. The drawing for the tickets will be at our September meeting.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support.

Submitted by Charlotte Bocage

"Shared Heritage" Conference: On Saturday, October 16, 1999, CAAGS will sponsor an all-day genealogy seminar at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Culver City. The Conference will provide an exceptional educational opportunity for everyone with an interest in genealogy. Our goal is to ensure that the Conference is publicized throughout Southern California and we need each member's assistance in this effort.

We, the publicity team, would like for each member to immediately assist the publicity process by mentioning the Conference to your friends, relatives and co-workers. In addition, we need names of organizations such as churches, social clubs, fraternities, sororities, etc. that we could address in our publicity correspondence. We encourage each of you to participate by providing as much information to us as possible. Lastly, we want each member to distribute flyers to publicize CAAGS' big event.

Names of organizations may be submitted to either Ellis Jones via telephone at (323) 290-9796 or via e-mail at ejones3858@aol.com. Names may also be submitted to Pamela McClester at (323) 294-4553.

Questions regarding the Conference may be addressed to Erma Hurse, the Conference Chairperson.

Submitted by Ellis Jones

QUERIES

The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

QUERY

Kim E. Clark, 432 1/2 South Catalina Street, #2, Los Angeles, CA 90020, (213) 430-6573, E-mail KClark@omm.com. Surname being researched is Elston. Looking for anyone who may possess a copy of the PBS series, *Ancestors* that I could borrow for viewing and possibly dubbing.

COMPUTER CORNER

Emerge, Technology, November 1998

The N-Word Finds A New Home in Cyberspace
(continued)

Among other things, the site uses a graphic showing three tombstones. One says, "Korea 38,000 dead; the second Vietnam 58,000 dead; and the third, Black on White Murders 40,000 dead." The text accompanying the graphic rattles on with statistics from the last 34 years.

Does this mean that poets and web sites by or about African-Americans are automatically lumped into the "nigger" category? The answer is not clear. Yahoo!'s disclaimer says: "Yahoo! Encourages you to exercise discretion while browsing the Internet using this directory. The directory may direct you to sites containing information that some people may find offensive, or inappropriate. Yahoo! makes no representations concerning any endeavor to review the content of sites...."

Yahoo! staff member Erik Gunther explains: "When you issue a search in Yahoo!, the results come from various sources. If there are any direct matches in Yahoo!'s manually surfed and human categorized directory, you will see those categories and listings first...Yahoo! also offers results from our search engine partner, Inktomi."

He says Inktomi was a "completely automated robot or spider computer program that automatically crawls the web, capturing every word on every page crawled." Your search is matched against Inktomi's database. We do not aim to judge web content for appropriateness or censor material that we find offensive or inappropriate..."

Sandi Thomas, chief operating officer of MS-BET, says: "The chief value of a search engine is to help internet users navigate through over 350 million pages of internet content. However, the site developer also has some degree of control through the process of meta tagging [imbedding content with keywords]. So it's not entirely a phenomenon created by search engines."

Frequently, offensive posts will take the form of running battles between bigots and their challengers on publicly accessible bulletin boards and in chat rooms, and jokes that poke fun at or demean Black people. Recent examples are discussions that were held on chat boards at www.streetsound.com and on message boards at www.korealink.com. At www.korealink.com/public/ircers/messages/1377.htm, you can find this ditty: In response to a post titled "Niggers are a waste of *&!S# &^ %&! Sperm," a person identifying himself as Hitler writes: "I wish I could punch each @#&!%\$ Nigger individually and shot [sic] ugly @\$\$% Black heads. Die you Nigger #S%^&@!, go back to Africa where you came from...."

Among posts by African-Americans are the sometimes equally derisive lyrics to rap music in which Black artists refer to other Blacks as "Niggers" and whores, or message board posts or chat room discussions in which a Black person will say: "Niggers ain't S%^&," or "You can't do business with a Nigger," or "Niggers and flies."

Does this remove our moral imperative to challenge the excesses if Whites use the term online? And, while we are at it, why does the word still evoke such emotion after all these decades? When Blacks use the term pejoratively, is it any less offensive than when Whites use it?

Sociologist Sarah Willie of Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania points out that while usage of "Nigger" in cyberspace appears open and without bounds, society in the real world has become "more polite." This is reflected, she says, in the widespread use of "the n-word" rather than the more inflammatory term.

"The Civil Rights Movement, Congressional and executive orders made racial discrimination a crime, but what did not happen was the careful leading of the country through the difficult task of eradicating informal inequality and racism."

Send e-mail to Nat Sheppard at BrerRabbit@mindspring.com.

By Nathaniel Sheppard, Jr.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

August 22, 1999 for September 1999 issue

OBITUARY CODE SYSTEM DEVELOPED

FGS FORUM, Spring 1999, Volume 11, Number 1

Octogenarian David W. Dole has a solution to a problem that plagues researchers everywhere: how to

find the source of an obituary notice. His solution is a simple, 15-character code imbedded in the text of all obituaries.

Dole proposes that every published obituary include this code which identifies geographic area; name of publication; circulation frequency; and year, month and day of publication.

Without the Dole code, you have a scrap of brittle yellowed newsprint; an obituary, naming friends and family of the departed and describing his death, funeral details, and burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Just the information you need, except no clue as to where or when this notice appeared. If only you knew the newspaper title and location, you would be happily searching the right Mt. Hope Cemetery and anticipating a successful day at the nearby courthouse.

Now imagine the same obituary with Dole's code-A10023N1998FB14-which would mean that it appeared in a U.S. publication (A), identified as publication number 10023 (*The Home Town Gazette*), a daily with more than 100,000 circulation (N), and the obituary appeared in the 14 Feb 1998 issue (1998FB14). Thus the code leads you to the exact title, location, and date of the newspaper. Now all that is needed is to share the word with newspaper publishers across the country.

Dole, who heads Publishers Geological Coding Service, Inc., wants every obituary, worldwide, to carry this code. PGCS has a web site giving its history, coding details, and the one-time publisher fee. The web site makes it easy for researchers and librarians to bring this concept to the attention of their local papers. A form letter, an explanatory sheet of PGCS coding, and a PGCS application form are on the side. You simply forward the three items to your local paper urging them to apply for a code immediately and use it in all published obituaries.

PGCS has a steering committee of representatives of several major organizations. These are the Association of Professional Genealogists, Council of Genealogy Columnists, Federation of Genealogical Societies, and National Genealogical Society. Details are at the PGCS web site <<http://www.obituarcoding.com>> or write to PGCS, Inc., 8102 Highwood Drive B-125, Bloomington, MN 44328-1406.

RESEARCH TIPS

CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 16, No. 12 (December 1998)

Help For Faded Messages: Having trouble reading

an original, faded written message, try using a 75-watt Black Light, in a goose neck lamp, that will cast the light directly onto the faded writing. It is said to appear as if by magic. (*Search Notes*, Vol. 12, No. 3, Mar 1998, pg 22.)

Web Check: To see what material each state has, always check the web for the appropriate state library, state archives, state historical society. Find out what materials they have which can be checked or is available as a searchable database in your state of interest. (See Cyndi's List.) She has added the NUCMC site for each state, which lists the repositories where primary sources may be located such as: manuscript collections, church records, etc. (*The SMCGR Newsletter*, Vol. 16-8, Sep 1998, pg. 154)

FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR 1850

AfriArc@aol.com (AfriArc)

Alabama	2,265
Arkansas	608
District of Columbia	10,059
Delaware	18,733
Georgia	2,932
Florida	932
Kentucky	10,011
Louisiana	17,462
Maryland	74,723
Mississippi	930
Missouri	2,618
North Carolina	27,463
South Carolina	8,960
Tennessee	8,422
Texas	397
Virginia	54,333
TOTAL	238,1887

LISTS, ANYONE

The Sequoia Genealogical Society, Inc., Newsletter, Volume 26, Number 1, March 1999

Lists are important as we make plans for the performance of daily activities, so it behooves us to take heed of all materials we think may be of use in our genealogical research. As soon as you begin your search, start a LIST of all the books, periodicals, documents, records, microfilm, microfiche, etc. that you think will be of use to you. In order to facilitate the use of this list, make an entry for each item on a separate 3" x 5" card. (Follow the style used on cards in the Card Catalogue of the library.)

Make your very own "alpha list" by separating the cards according to categories: books, periodicals,

film, microfiche, etc., and arrange each section alphabetically. As you locate a book in a library, always write down the name of the library with the classification given the book on our card, as that same book may be given a different classification by another library.

As your research grows - so will your List (Card file, if you make a card for each item you consult.) Actually, you will be building your BIBLIOGRAPHY. When you have completed your research and are ready to publish your findings, your Bibliography will also be completed. Justifiably, you will be prepared to cite your sources, and this document your work. Should you be unable to complete our work and research, the person continuing the work will know specifically what sources you have consulted. Much time and many hours of work will be saved in either case.

As you begin your research, start that "LIST" and you will be able to cite your sources. Your Bibliography will become the foundation for your book!

By Jessie M. Jones

***CLINTON SIGNS BILL FOR
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
HONORING ROSA PARKS***

National Report, *Jet Magazine*, May 24, 1999

Forty-three years after she refused to give up a seat reserved for White passengers on an Alabama bus and touched off a civil rights revolution, Rosa Parks will receive the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington from President Bill Clinton for her courageous action.

A determined bid by Rep. Julia Carson (D-IN) succeeded in gaining an overwhelming majority in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for Rosa Parks to be officially recognized for "her life's lesson."

"Rosa Parks took a stand by sitting down," Rep. Carson said. "By refusing to give up her seat on the bus, she stood for the rights of all Americans, not just African-Americans."

At the White House bill signing, President Clinton praised Rosa Parks "for making a remarkable journey." "All the distance she has traveled in the years since have brought the American people ever closer to the promised land we know it can truly be."

Introducing her bill on February 4, Mrs. Parks' 86th birthday, Rep. Carson scored a 424-1 victory. The Senate approved a similar measure with 82 sponsors and a 86-0 vote.

The legislation authorized the President to present the Gold Medal to Mrs. Parks on June 15. On June 17, the civil rights heroine, known as the mother of the Civil Rights Movement, will go to Indianapolis with Rep. Carson for a gala celebration at the Hilbert Theater on the Circle.

"I am please that the President joined a bipartisan Congress to recognize Rosa Parks' unique and historic contributions to American society," Rep. Carson concluded after the winning legislative action.

***SCHEDULED OF COLONIAL
TERRITORIAL, AND
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Nebraska: 1854, 1855, 1856, 1861, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885.

Nevada: 1861, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1875.

New Hampshire: 1767, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1786, 1798.

New Jersey: 1726, 1737, 1738, 1745, 1772, 1798, 1855, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915.

New Mexico: 1790, 1823, 1845, 1864, 1865, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915.

New York: 1698, 1703, 1712, 1714, 1723, 1731, 1737, 1746, 1749, 1756, 1771, 1795, 1798, 1801, 1804, 1807, 1814, 1821, 1825, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1892, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925.

North Carolina: 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1798.

North Dakota: 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925.

Ohio: 1790, 1801, 1802, 1807, 1811, 1815, 1819, 1823, 1827, 1831, 1835, 1839, 1843, 1847, 1851, 1855, 1859, 1863, 1867, 1871, 1875, 1879, 1883, 1887, 1891, 1895, 1899, 1903, 1907, 1911, 1915.

Oklahoma: 1860, 1890, 1896, 1907.

Oregon: 1845, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1856, 1857, 1865, 1875, 1895, 1905.

Pennsylvania: 1776, 1798.

Rhode Island: 1708, 1730, 1745, 1749, 1755, 1774, 1782, 1798, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935.

South Carolina: 1798, 1868, 1875.

South Dakota: 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945.

Tennessee: 1798.

Texas: 1790, 1815, 1829, 1836, 1847, 1848, 1858
(to be continued).

CAAGS CALENDAR

July 17, 1999 - Dr. Nellie Slaton, our guest speaker, will discuss African-Americans in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

August 11-14, 1999 - Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

August 21, 1999 - THERE WILL BE NO MEETING.

September 18, 1999 - Show & Tell.

October 16, 1999 - "Shared Heritage" Conference, at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Culver City, between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

November 20, 1999 - Election of Officers.

December 18, 1999 - Installation of Officers and Christmas Party.

COMMITTEES

If you have any interest in joining one of CAAGS Committees, please review the sign-up booklets and contact any Board Member.

BOARD MEETINGS

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS, THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM., EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, THE MEETING MOVES TO THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

The July Board Meeting (July 9th) will be held at the home of Lloydine Outten, 3951 Mont Clair Street (corner house), Los Angeles, CA (323) 733-0702.

Directions: Between Jefferson and Adams off of Crenshaw, corner of Edgehill Drive.

The August Board Meeting (August 6th) will be held at the sister-in-law home of Ron Batiste (626) 797-2839. Harriette Vanderhorst, 202 East Hazel Street, Apt. #4, Inglewood, CA, 90302, (310) 677-2481.

Directions: Hazel is located off of La Brea, between Florence and Slauson.

The September Board Meeting (September 10th) will be held at the home of Dorothylou Sands, 3441 West

58th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90043-3001, (323) 299-8642.

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BLACK SOLDIERS GIVEN MEDAL OF HONOR - SEPTEMBER 30, 1864

Negroes have played a large role in the survival of America. Hundreds of thousands of Negroes, from Bunker Hill to Vietnam, have died for an idea that was not real in their own lives. Has any other people in any other age had such faith and hope - and received so little charity?

By Lerone Bennett, Jr., 1964

SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Cubia Bolden
Lodiis H. Green
Barbara Irving
Ruth Palmer

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the September meeting.

IN REMEMBRANCE

A TRIBUTE
TO
JEANETTE C. SCOTT

November 23, 1933 - July 31, 1999

We mourn the passing of our beloved Second Vice President, Jeanette Scott, who departed on Saturday, July 31st.

Mrs. Scott was the sister of CAAGS member, Ellis Jones.

We offer our deepest condolences to both the Scott family and the Jones family.

We will miss Jeanette.

Jeanette Roberta Jones was born on November 23, 1933 in Pensacola, Florida. She was the youngest of two daughters born to the late Ellis H. Jones and Bertha Browning-Jones. She moved to California with her family, at the age of two.

She attended 49th Street Elementary and 92nd Street Schools, George Washington Carver Junior High School, and graduated from Poly Tech High School in Los Angeles, California. She earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Police Administration from East Los Angeles Junior College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and further graduate studies in law enforcement at Chapman College.

Jeanette accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. She was baptized by the late Rev. E. A. Anderson at McCoy Memorial Baptist Church, where she was an active member. She joined City of Angels in 1986 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. O. C. Smith. She served on the Sunshine Committee, the Women's Support

Group and volunteered her services every Tuesday, until her homegoing.

Jeanette married the late Willie Carroll in 1951. Born to that union was her only daughter, Sherrilyne Jeanette Carroll. She later married Charles Nylon Scott in August 1976. She was a devoted, dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sister (to Ellis Jones, CAAGS Public Relations Officer), aunt and daughter. Her daughter (Sherrilyne Headley, a fellow CAAGS Member) and grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life. Jeanette enjoyed visiting and dining out with her mother and her daughter. She traveled extensively with her husband, friends and family members. She had a very loving and special relationship with her husband, Nylon. Nylon stated it best when he said, "Jeanette was the EVERYTHING in our household."

Jeanette began her career as a Procurement Clerk with the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Her career in law enforcement began in 1970. Upon graduation from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, she joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office as an Investigator. She was the second Black female investigator in that department. Jeanette was later promoted to Investigator II. In 1974, she was promoted to Senior Investigator and assigned to the Major Frauds Division. In 1988, Jeanette became the first Black female to be promoted to the position of Supervising Investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. She retired from law enforcement with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in January 1990. In July 1991, she re-entered the workforce by accepting a position as Senior Administrative Assistant with the State Bar of California, Committee of Bar Examiners.

Jeanette was a very active and vibrant lady. She was active in many organizations; among them were the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, where she served as the Recording Secretary for the Southern California Chapter; the Southern California Black Women in Law Enforcement; Women's Peace Officers Association, and the National Council of Negro Women. Jeanette was also a member of the genealogical society. She held the office of Second Vice President in charge of membership recruitment, of the California African American Genealogical Society. She traveled throughout the United States performing genealogical research. In her spare time, she served as a herbalist for family and friends. Her belief in the healing power of herbs was so great that she became a Manger for Nature Sunshine Herbs to ensure that her family and friends had easy access to herbs.

Jeanette received many awards for service. She was recognized as Outstanding Investigator of the year by the District Attorney's Office in 1983, and was presented with the Jemison Award for outstanding

contributions to the District Attorney's Office and her community. In 1992, she received the NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives) Award for her outstanding service in Law Enforcement.

She will be missed by all of us.

Abstract from Jeanette's Obituary

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.cyndislist.com>
<http://www.yelobk.com>
<http://www.familysearch.org>

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

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Kim Clark	Rachelle McMurray
Colette DeVerge'	Barbara Phillips
Renee Dolberry	Doris Rogers
Caldwell Durham	Callie Simpson
Majorie Higgins	Debra White-Hayes
Hollis Hoxie	

U. S. PASSPORT RECORDS

Did you know that the Family History Library has nearly 2,500 microfilms of United States passport records from the National Archives and the Department of State. These documents "attest to the citizenship and identity of the bearer." The first extant passport given to an individual is dated July 1796. Passports generally became more popular in the late 1840s. Until the outbreak of World War I in 1914, U. S. citizens were generally allowed to travel abroad without passports. By 1930 the U. S. government had issued over two and a half million passports. Between 1800 and 1929, the number of passports issued was as follows:

1800 to 1909	-----	457,200
1910 to 1919	-----	384,000
1920 to 1929	-----	1,828,000

To receive a U.S. passport, a person had to submit some proof of U.S. citizenship, usually a letter, affidavit of witnesses or a certificate from a county clerk. By 1888 separate application forms existed for native citizens, naturalized citizens, and derivative citizens. Passport applications may contain information about the applicant's family status, birth date and place, residence, naturalization and other biographical information. Applications in the 20th

century often include marriage information. The Family History Library's collection of microfilmed passport records is easy to use. At the Family Search computer program (<http://www.familysearch.org>), access the Library Catalog, then chose United States, then Passports.

May/June 1999, *Genealogy Bulletin*

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

"Shared Heritage" Conference: On Saturday, October 16, 1999, CAAGS will sponsor an all-day genealogy seminar at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Culver City. The Conference will provide an exceptional educational opportunity for everyone with an interest in genealogy. Our goal is to ensure that the Conference is publicized throughout Southern California, and we need Member's assistance in this effort.

We, the Publicity Team, would like for each Member to immediately assist the publicity process by mentioning the Conference to your friends, relatives and co-workers. In addition, we need names of organizations such as churches, social clubs, fraternities, sororities, etc. that we could address in our publicity correspondence. We encourage each of you to participate by providing as much information to us as possible. Lastly, we want each Member to distribute flyers to publicize CAAGS' big event.

Names of organizations may be submitted to either Ellis Jones via telephone at (323) 290-9796 or via e-mail at ejones3858@aol.com. Names may also be submitted to Pamela McClester at (323) 294-4553.

There will be an effort to arrange carpooling for Members without transportation to the Conference.

Questions regarding the Conference may be addressed to Erma Hurse, Conference Chairperson.

Submitted by Ellis Jones

Thank you to all of our Members for your continued support.

QUERIES

The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

September 22, 1999 for October 1999 issue

COMPUTER CORNER

By Iris Aparicio

Postal Service Billing Us for E-mail, five-cent billed to YOU!

Please read the following carefully if you intend to stay online and continue using e-mail. The last few months have revealed an alarming trend in the United States Government attempting to quietly push through legislation that will affect your use of the Internet. Under proposed legislation, the U. S. Postal Service will be attempting to bill e-mail users with "alternate postage fees".

Bill 602P would permit the Federal Government to charge a five-cent surcharge on every e-mail delivered, by billing Internet Service Providers (ISP) at the source. The consumer would then be billed in turn by the ISP. Washington D. C. lawyer, Richard Stepp is working without pay to prevent this legislation from becoming law. The U. S. Postal Service is claiming that lost revenue (due to the proliferation of e-mail) is costing them nearly \$230,000,000 in revenue per year.

You may have noticed their recent ad campaign "There is nothing like a letter." Since the average citizen received about 10 pieces of e-mail per day in 1998, the cost to the typical individual would be an additional 50 cents per day, or over \$180 per year, above and beyond their regular Internet costs. Note that this would be money paid directly to the U. S. Postal Service for a service they do not even provide.

The whole point of the Internet is democracy and non-interference. If the Federal Government is permitted to tamper with our liberties by adding in surcharges to e-mail (which they do not even provide), who knows where it will end? You are already paying an exorbitant price for mail, because of bureaucratic inefficiency. It currently takes up to days for a letter to be delivered from New York to Buffalo. If the U. S. Postal Service is allowed to tinker with e-mail, it will mark the end of the "free" Internet in the United States.

On Congressman, Tony Schnell (Republican) has even suggested a "twenty to forty dollar per month surcharge on all Internet service" above and beyond the Government's proposed e-mail charges. Notes that most of the major newspapers have ignored the story, the only exception being the Washingtonian, which called the idea of e-mail surcharge "a useful concept whose time has come" (March 6, 1999 Editorial).

Don't sit by and watch your freedoms erode away!

Inform your fellow e-mail users, and tell all your friends and relatives to write to their Congressman and say "NO!" to Bill 602P. It will only take a few moments of your time, and it could very well be instrumental in killing a bill we don't want.

Submitted by Kim Clark

COME ONE, COME ALL

Are you bored on Thursday and don't have anything else to do. Well, now you do. Several of CAAGS members are doing their personal research at the LDS Library on Thursday, and they would like for you to join them. The library is open from 9AM to 9PM. Members are there throughout the day, so come on down.

Los Angeles Family History Center
10741 Santa Monica Blvd./and Overland
Los Angeles, CA 90025
(310) 474-9990 or 474-2202

Hours of Operation
Monday, Friday, Saturday, 9am to 5pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 9pm

MIDDLE PASSAGE TRIBUTE

On July 3, 1999, during a ceremonial event at sea, a monument honoring the millions of men, women, and children who lost their lives en route to and at the hands of slavery between the 15th and 19th centuries was be lowered into the Atlantic Ocean's Middle Passage, perhaps never to be seen again. This project of the Homeward Bound Foundation included the creation of six replicas of the monument for placement on land in Africa, the Caribbean, Central American, Europe, North America, and South America.

The Honorable Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, has endorsed the project, describing it as an opportunity to help broaden the understanding of African cultures and the heritage of people of African descent. The Middle Passage Monument Project represents a long overdue tribute to the ancestors of African-Americans as well as the millions of Africans who died during their journey to the New World.

The ships bearing the monuments departed Manhattan Island in New York on June 26th for the Monument Site. A series of events took place in New York City between June 19th and June 25th, enabling all Americans to play an integral role in this once-in-a-lifetime salute.

For additional information, contact: Lynn Evans, Administrative Coordinator, Department of Museum Education, The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60603-6110, (312) 443-3640.

May/June 1999, *AAHGS News*

FOR US, IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN

L. A. Watts Times, July 29, 1999

I read a couple of interesting articles recently that were published within a week of each other. Each article was about remembering suffering as a basis for advancing cultural esteem and unity.

One article asked, "Is it time to move away from remembering suffering?", while the other asked, "Is it time to interject suffering as part of a "sanitized" historical period?"

The responses were as conflicting as the questions. The Jewish community, preparing for a day of fasting in remembrance of the Holocaust and other historical calamities, reacted to charges of it pushing too much suffering on society through its religious observances.

"Making a point of remembering utter evil has always been a part of Jewish history and experience." To be blindly optimistic is to be foolhardy," Simon Wiesenthal Center founder, Rabbi Marvin Hier, was recently quoted as saying.

On the other hand, Colonial Williamsburg, Va., a 70-year-old historical theme park and a living replica of the state's original capital, finally got around to incorporating the social, moral and political realities of slavery into their recreation of 1775 Virginia society, even though records show half the city's population of 1,800 people were both free and enslaved Blacks.

"It's important in history to explore the racial interactions between whites and slaves and free Blacks and slaves... And until now, we haven't taken a hard look at what happened in the slave community itself," said USA Today, quoting Christy Mathews, director of interpretive planning and development for Colonial Williamsburg.

So, the theme for this year is "the slave experience," where the public gets to see some re-enactments of the behavior acted out on Black families, including whipping (39 lashes, the maximum allowed under Virginia law), family separations (auctions) and the inter-family conflict that resulted from having to live

a subordinated life-style, where Blacks were slaves or free.

It's not quite the stuff we choose to remember on a regular basis. How is it that two cultures in the same society can be so conflicted about how to recognize suffering as part of their healing and advancement?

Part of the reason is that American society has two different modes of engagement in the suffering of Black and Jewish cultures. There is little resistance to the highly visible remembrances of Jewish suffering, because America had little hand in the direct imposition of that suffering. Particularly with respect to the Holocaust, the degree of American plausibility is limited to the world not acting quick enough to Germany's desire to eliminate non-Aryan cultures.

So there is an indifference to remembering Jewish suffering because it is removed from American society directly, and the burden of guilt for it occurring is not directly at the feet of Americans.

On the other hand, there is still a great resistance to any public discussion of African American suffering because it is seen as "digging up" a very evil, immoral and wicked period in America's past - part of which still has many visible remnants today and is perceived as counter-productive to moving on.

This resistance can be directly attributed to America's guilt in having a direct hand in the manifestations of slavery and the inhumane practices associated with it. Most Americans choose to ignore this fact. That way, America never has to pay reparations.

So the remembrance of Black suffering, which existed twice as long as Black Americans have been free (270 years to 135 years), is discouraged and, in most cases, forsaken for the sake of improved race relations and societal healing.

Remembering and acknowledging is healing. forgetting and ignoring - particularly wrongful deeds - is scarring. That is why African Americans and Anglos are so scarred. Neither has really healed from this 18th century experience, the remains of which carried over into most of this century. Today, you have more Blacks than Whites trying to forget about slavery, and have been convinced that slavery has no bearing on the racial disparities that exist in American society -- or, on the status of race relations in America as they presently exist. Clearly, the events of the day show a much different perspective.

Blacks have been convinced that the past is irrelevant when Jews know better. But what is so remarkable is how this society chooses to be so diametrically

conflicted when it comes to remembering cultural suffering.

Societies are always quicker to remember the wrongs that others do, and choose to forget their own.

The difference is not in the suffering; the difference is in who and what one chooses to remember.

In American society, the suffering of slavery will always be a forgotten footnote in early American history. And, as conflicted as it is, America will also be first in line with Jews observing their suffering, reminding the rest of the world, "Never again."

We can't say the same. If we don't remember slavery, no one else will. And, no matter what many foolhardy Blacks think, it can happen again.

By A. Asadullah Samad

AFRICA LAGGING BEHIND IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Compiled by NNPA News Service, *The Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal*, July 29, 1999

HARARE (IPS) -- Making a phone call or surfing the Internet has become a central feature of everyday life the world over, except in Africa. However, a recent \$600 million project to install a submarine cable connecting the continent with the rest of the world is one of many projects that is set to revolutionize African communications into the new millennium industry, experts hope. South Africa has seen the largest explosion in connectivity and boasts about 800,000 of the continent's 1.2 million Internet users. And, unlike on the rest of the continent, South African users are both rural and urban.

Virtually all of Africa has access to the Internet, but only in the urban centers, and then only accessible to a small elite. Work on the project is expected to start shortly and the system should be operational by 2001, in line with the Independent Commission for World Wide.

Telecommunications Development's call for every human being to be in reach of a telephone by the early part of the next century.

By Gumisai Mutume

SHOE-BOX PHOTO STORAGE

Photographs can tell the story of your family. Time relentlessly moves on and brings in a new generation who will be at a loss to identify people in these pictures. It is important to locate and identify people

in these pictures stuffed away in the shoe-box. Do this **NOW** before time and neglect obliterate Names, Dates, and Events once so well known to you.

Some "How-to" suggestions include:

1. Lay these pictures out on a table and label all you can.
2. Use an archive-safe pen, obtained from an office-supply or photograph supplier. Return to your file the pictures you could not identify. Now you are ready for the most exciting step of all--VISITING.
3. Older relatives are your most likely resource. Begin with your parents. Hold your first "Kitchen-table" session with them. Make notes of their input. Ask your parents to suggest other family members who may also help in this photo identification project. By identifying all your family photos you will build a more complete Family History.
4. Avoid making copies of old tin types, daguerreotypes, or glass-plate negatives and some older photos because they are light sensitive and are easily damaged.
5. Although others may want copies, never let a single picture out of your possession, or you may never see it again.
6. Do make copies of your stack of unidentifiable photos and place them on bulletin boards in places like laundromats in the areas where your ancestors once lived.
7. Let your photos tell your Family History. A picture saves many a written word, adds interest to your Family Story, so sort out that shoe-box of family pictures and rescue them from oblivion.

June 1999, *The Sequoia Genealogical Society, Inc. Newsletter*

FEDERATION GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (FGS) - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Our Delegate Colette DeVerge, and Ronald and Majorie Higgins represented CAAGS at this convention. Congratulations, Colette for the only standing ovation of her suggestion to other genealogy societies for recognizing CAAGS Stay-at-Home Tea fundraiser.

AFRICAN AMERICAN

FGS Forum, Summer 1999, Volume 11, November 2, 1999.

The African American Genealogical Research Institute (AAGRI) is collecting programs from the funerals of African Americans. To date, the organization has collected nearly 4,000 funeral programs, with a goal of 10,000. Interested individuals may send their programs to AAGRI at Post Office Box 637, Matteson, IL 60443-6370. [African American Genealogical Research Institute flyer]

Submitted by Colette DeVerge

EVENTS IN THE HOOD

14th Annual African Marketplace & Cultural Faire

Los Angeles Black Business Expo & Trade Show, September 10-12, 1999 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. For further information call (310) 967-5153 or blackbusinessexpo.com.

Black Issues Book Review, July-August 1999

The 21st National Black MBA Association, Inc., Annual Conference & Exposition on September 14-19, 1999, at the Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, California.

Attracting over 8,000 attendees and 350 major corporations, this annual event is one of the largest and most successful gatherings for African American business leaders, corporations, entrepreneurs, and business students in the nation. Guests will participate in six days of workshops and executive presentations, as well as a two-day Career Fair and Exposition.

Contact: National Black MBA Association, Inc., 180 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 236-2622, Fax (312) 236-4131.

Submitted by Colette DeVerge

Geffen Playhouse, 1999-2000 Season

IT AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT THE BLUES, November 13th - December 19, 1999, at the Geffen Playhouse.

Packed with sizzle, soul, and spirit, this foot-stomping, hand-clapping, juke joint-jumping musical spectacular is a rousing historical journey of the Blues. From African spirituals and plantation chants,

through the sultry sounds of the Mississippi Delta, to the grit of Chicago's urban scene, *It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues* captures the joy and vitality that is the Blues. Led by seven powerful singers and one hot band, this pulse-pounding show raised roofs on Broadway, and is sure to have you swinging in your seats and dancing in the aisles.

Geffen Playhouse, 10886 Le Conte Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (310) 208-5454.

CAAGS BOOK CORNER

Ar'n't I a Woman?, subtitled "Female Slaves in the Plantation South", by Deborah Gray White, published by W.W. Norton & Co., 1987, \$8.95 + tax. From the Introduction, "Black in a White society, slave in a free society, woman in a society ruled by men, female slaves had the least formal power and were perhaps the most vulnerable group of antebellum Americans." This ground-breaking study explores the complex subject of the roles assumed by Black slave women within the family and community that contrasted sharply with female roles in traditional American society, and helps us to account for Black women's behavior under freedom.

Black Jacks, subtitled "African American Seamen in the Age of Sail", by W. Jeffrey Bolster, published by Harvard University Press, 1997, \$25.00 + tax. The history of seafaring men in America has largely ignored or omitted the fact that between 1740 and 1865, seafaring was one of the most significant occupations of both slave and free Black men. Tens of thousands sailed on clippers, whalers, warships, and privateers, as well as being boatmen on rivers, creeks and canals. This book tells what they did and how they contributed to the history of America. Over 50 pages of notes, which include bibliographical sources, are included.

COMING SOON!!!

African-Americans in Maryland, on CD, by Ralph Clayton, published by Heritage Press at \$28.00 + tax, which includes the following 3 books in their entirety: *Free Blacks of Anne Arundel County, 1850* (originally published in 1987), *Black Baltimore, 1820-1870* (originally published in 1987), and *Slavery, Slaveholding, and the Free Black Population of Antebellum Baltimore* (originally published in 1993, and has been for several years out-of-print). Included in these books are transcriptions of numerous census and real estate records, as well as death and runaway slave indexes. Original pages of the books are preserved and the CD is searchable.

Submitted by Alva Griffith, Book Sales Chairperson

WHAT IS THE CENSUS

United States Census 2000 Flyer, D-31(P), 1-21-98

The 2000 Census attempts to count all persons living in the United States on April 1st in the year ending in zero (1980, 1990, etc.).

WHY IS IT TAKEN? The Census is taken every ten years to determine the number of congressional seats to which each state is entitled. There are 435 seats. In 1990, California gained 7 (from 45 to 52) seats.

Census counts are used to allocate money for schools, Meals on Wheels, Headstart, job training and many other programs.

WHEN? The next Census is April 1, 2000.

WHO SHOULD BE COUNTED? All persons living in the United States on April 1, 2000 should be counted.

HOW? Questionnaires will be mailed to households in March 2000. A household member will be asked to mail it back on, or before April 1st.

ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW? Temporary employment available at Local Census Offices beginning February 2000. You must be a US citizen or legal resident, at least 18 years of age, and speak, read and write English. Call: (888) 325-7733.

"HOW TO WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY" AND "HOW TO HANDLE FAMILY SECRETS"

The Middle Passage Research Group will have a weekend retreat in the Santa Barbara Mountains at La Casa de Maria, Retreat Center, April 28-30, 2000.

The weekend will include: Registration & Workshops, 2 nights lodging and meals, per person, double occupancy for \$250.00. Single rooms available at additional cost. Deposit (\$50 non-refundable) deadline is November 1, 1999. For further information call Colette DeVerge at (323) 933-8381.

SCHEDULED OF COLONIAL TERRITORIAL, AND STATE CENSUS RECORDS

Utah: 1851, 1856, 1895.

Vermont: 1765, 1771, 1798.

Virginia: 1623, 1624, 1625, 1634, 1699, 1701, 1703, 1779, 1798.

Washington: 1871, 1883, 1885, 1889, 1892.

West Virginia: Part of Virginia until 1863.

Wisconsin: 1830, 1836, 1838, 1842, 1846, 1847, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905.

Wyoming: 1905, 1915, 1925.

CAAGS CALENDAR

September 18, 1999 – Show & Tell.

October 16, 1999 - "Shared Heritage" Conference, at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Culver City, between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

November 20, 1999 – Election of Officers.

December 18, 1999 – Installation of Officers and Christmas Party.

COMMITTEES

If you have any interest in joining one of CAAGS Committees, please review the sign-up booklets and contact any Board Member.

BOARD MEETINGS

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS, THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM., EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, THE MEETING MOVES TO THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

The September Board Meeting (September 10th) will be held at the home of Dorothylou Sands, 3441 West 58th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90043-3001, (323) 299-8642.

Directions: Dorothylou lives one block south of Slauson, off of Crenshaw.

The October Board Meeting (October 1st) will be held at Martin Luther King, Jr. United Methodist Church, 6625 4th Avenue & 67th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90043.

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To be announced

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To be announced

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THE MIDDLE PASSAGE RESEARCH GROUP

Colette DeVerge', a noted genealogy researcher who was featured on the PBS Ancestors Series and a FGS delegate, invites you to join the African-American Genealogist Society of Northern California and the California African-American Genealogical Society for our first of many Weekend Retreats.

"HOW TO WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY" AT LA CASA de MARIA RETREAT CENTER

December 3-5, 1999

Share a weekend retreat with fellow genealogists learning "How to Write Your Family History."

- \$250 per person (includes room, 5 meals, and workshop registration), double occupancy
- 2 nights in the Santa Barbara mountains
- Scheduled meals and workshops
- Carpooling is highly suggested

Deposit deadline is June 30, 1999. Please enclose \$100.00 per person non-refundable deposit. Balance is due October 31, 1999. For information, call Colette DeVerge' at (323) 933-8381.

-----Clip & Mail -----

THE MIDDLE PASSAGE RESEARCH GROUP LA CASA de MARIA RETREAT CENTER December 3-5, 1999

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Phone(_____) _____ Deposit Enclosed \$ _____

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Address _____

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CAAGS MEETING

November 20, 1999

Martin Luther King, Jr.
United Methodist Church
6625 4th Avenue & 67th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Business Meeting FOR MEMBERS ONLY

General Schedule
9:00 - 11:45

Break
11:45 - 12:00

Election of Officers
12:00 - 1:00

(Schedule is subject to change without notice.)

1ST CIVIL RIGHTS BILL PASSES NOVEMBER 1, 1866

In the United States, on paper at least, the Constitution and Bill of Rights gave all Americans certain rights, including the vote and the right to be treated equally before the law. The Movement was about making those rights more than a piece of paper.

By Project Hip-Hop, 1997

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations are now being taken for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Parliamentarian.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

November 22, 1999 for December 1999 issue

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

PAULINE BURROUGHS is researching Earle and Fields.

CLEO HARMON is researching Cooper, Harmon, and McKissack from Mississippi.

DOROTHY L. JACKSON is researching Cheatha, Davis, Dobbins, Forby, Jackson, Johnson, Saulter, and Ragland from Delaware, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia.

CLIFTON V. LEE is researching Boddie, Bush, and Lee.

TERRY A. MITCHELL is researching Jefferson and Smith from Louisiana and Virginia.

CAROLE L. WATTS is researching Bell and Grigsby from Mississippi and Texas; Johnson from Canada, Moreland from Georgia; Turner from Missouri, and Watts from Georgia and South Carolina.

NOVEMBER HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

LaVerne Anderson
Marie Herndon
Lloydine Outten
Barbara Phillips
Barbara Thomas
Martha Thomas

Please don't forget to bring refreshments for the meeting.

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Gloria Ann Bryant
Lodis Bryant Green
Phyllis Paxton
Sally Lakatta
Daphne Niall
Betty W. Palmer

SLAVE-ERA RECORDS FOUND IN MISS., LIST RARE INFORMATION

By The Associated Press

NATCHEZ, Miss. -- The vital statistics of slaves transported from Kentucky to Mississippi just before the Civil War have surfaced in a book at the Adams County Courthouse.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History researchers and Adams County Chancery Clerk Tommy O'Beirne found the records in the basement of the courthouse this week.

"It is very rare to find documentation of this sort from such an early time period," said Anne Webster, head reference librarian at the Department of Archives and History. "These records indicate surnames, and in many cases, the slaves are listed in family groups."

"Using this information, genealogists may be able to determine the slaves' previous owners, thus tracing their families back another generation," Webster said.

Many of the slaves are listed by first and last names, and their Kentucky owners' names are included as well. The records cover the period 1858-1861.

"Mississippi required them to have an affidavit that would be signed by owners that they had not committed a felony and that they were of good character," O'Beirne said.

"There are no other records in the state of Mississippi like this."

Written in precise script on yellowing pages, the documents include the ages, names and weights of slaves. The papers aren't the only slave records found in Mississippi, but they are the most comprehensive group researchers have located to date.

"If you went back into the deed records, you would occasionally see references to slave," O'Beirne said.

The inclusion of the slaves' first and last names was seldom recorded in the days of the slave trade.

The 1870 census was the first document that included Black people by name.

"That's about as far as most Blacks can take their genealogy," Archives and History archivist Jim Pitts said. "Having a book like this gives another generation back. It's something that's priceless for Blacks who are doing their genealogy."

The records may also provide valuable information about the slave trade.

"Historians may be able to draw some conclusions about trade routes between Kentucky, where most of these slaves were moved from, and Mississippi," Webster said.

Submitted by Majorie Higgins

VETERAN STORIES WANTED

Do you have a true story about yourself or someone you knew during their time at war...or in the years that followed? A story that would uplift or inspire people all over the world? If so, we invite you to share your story with us! The best selling book series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, is now collecting stories for an exciting new book, *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul*. Veterans have many stories to tell. It is important to capture this time in the lives of the many men and women who served to defend our freedom. Please share your story and be a part of recognizing and honoring Veterans everywhere. We invite stories from every war and every branch of service! Submissions up to 1200 words accepted. Compensation offered for selected stories. For submission guidelines call (888) 387-6373 or visit our website <http://www.vetstories.com> Options for sending stories: E-mail: remember@vetstories.com Fax: (515) 472-0719 Mail: *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul*, 607 W. Broadway, Fairfield, IA 52556. We look forward to hearing from you!

The California Veteran, Oct./Nov./Dec. 1999

NEW ADDRESS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

Requests for SSA applications (including copies of SS-5 forms) should now be mailed to:

Social Security Administration
Office of Controller of Record Operations
The FOI Workgroup
Post Office Box 17772
300 North Greene Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

The Sequoia Genealogical Society, Inc. Newsletter,
Volume 26, November 8, October, 1999; *North San
Diego Genealogical Society Newsletter*, July 1999.

COMPUTER CORNER

Web Sites for California History by Peter E. Carr,
ENOC Chair

<http://www.h-net.msn.edu> Humanities & Social Sciences Online. This site is the source for all of the H-type lists. They range from the very academic to academic. They publish online history books reviews and these are searchable by keyword online. The "links" are very valuable, too!

CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 17, No. 5 (May 1999)

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THE APPEAL

By Gene Smith (continued)

Astoundingly -- so it seemed to those who read his words -- a second David, assailing a host of Goliaths, had appeared to mount the first assault on slavery and racism by an American Black, to address his fellows everywhere as brothers, as (and he used the term dozens of time) My Afflicted Brethren. *Slavery*, he wrote, was an association with biblical days. Yet Pharaoh had given great honor to the slave Joseph: "See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt'...Now I appeal to heaven and to earth, and particularly to the American people themselves.... Show me a colored President, a Governor, a Legislator, a Senator, a Major, or an Attorney at the Bar -- show me a man of colour... who sits in a Juror Box." Pharaoh, he wrote, had given an Israelite slave the daughter of a high priest for marriage. But the Americans? They had laws forbidding any such marriage. "I would wish, candidly, however, before the Lord, to be understood, that I would not give a pinch of snuff to be married to any white person I ever saw in all the days of my life.... I only made this extract to show how much lower we are held... by the Americans than were the children of Jacob by the Egyptians.

"... Show me a page of history... on which a verse can be found, which maintains, that the Egyptians heaped the *insupportable insult* upon the children of Israel by telling them they were not of the *human family*. Can the Whites deny this charge? Have they not, after

having reduced us to... slaves under their feet, held us up as descending originally from the tribes of *Monkeys or Orang-Outangs*? O! my God! I appeal to every man of feeling - is this not insupportable?"

And for White allegations of Black inferiority: "I do not know what to compare it to, unless, like putting one wild deer in an iron cage... and hold another by the side... and expect the one in the cage to run as fast as the one at liberty.... The Whites want slaves, and want us for their slaves, but some of them will curse the day they ever saw us."

But Blacks must hold themselves to high standards: "It is lamentable, that many of our children... leave school knowing but a little more about the grammar of their language than a horse does about handling a musket." They must cease doing "mischief" one to another, Walker said. They must also give up the idea, fashionable at the time, that a return to Africa would solve their problems. "This country is as much ours as it is the Whites', whether they will admit it now or not, they will see and believe it by and by."

In less than a year, Walker was gone. During the summer of 1830, he was found slumped dead in a doorway. Some said he was poisoned by a bounty hunter. Perhaps pulmonary problems look him; his daughter had died from them days before. The missionary and abolitionist Maria Stewart said of him that he was noble, fearless, and undaunted:

"Although he sleeps, his memory lives." She was right; more than fifty years later Frederick Douglass said *The Appeal* had been like a trumpet of coming judgment, and a century after it came out, W.E.B. Du Bois said that everyone in the NAACP was David Walker's descendant.

He is generally remembered as a fire-eater who frenzied the South. But close reading of his pamphlet reveals large viewpoints, hopeful one that still resound: "Remember Americans, that we must and shall be free.... Treat us like men, and there is no danger but we will all live in peace and happiness together.... What a happy country this will be, if the Whites will listen. What nation under heaven will be able to do anything with us, unless God gives us up into His hand?... Treat us then like men, and we will be your friends. And there is not a doubt in my mind that the whole of the past will be sunk into oblivion, and we yet... will become a united and happy people."

Gene Smith's profile of Col. Charles Young appeared in the Spring 1998 issue.

American Heritage Magazine, Pathfinder, Summer 1998

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.dejanews.com>
<http://searches.rootsweb.com/sgwest-indies.html>
<http://www.antol.ag>

COMMITTEES

If you have any interest in joining one of CAAGS Committees, please review the sign-up booklets and contact any Board Member.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A listing of E-mail addresses and the membership applications are located at the sign-in table of each meeting, or you may request the current listing/application from the Editor.

CAAGS ROSTER

The current roster is available from the Treasurer (Vera Merritt) for a donation of 25 cents. The donation goes into the publication fund.

QUERIES

The Editor would appreciate any queries you may have for the Newsletter.

CAAGS CALENDAR

November 20, 1999 – Business Meeting and Election of Officers.

December 18, 1999 – Installation of Officers and Christmas Party.

BOARD MEETINGS

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS, THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM., EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, THE MEETING MOVES TO THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

The December Board Meeting (October 3rd) will be held at the home of Vera Merritt, 7510 Ogelsby Avenue, Los Angeles, CA (310) 215-1626.

Directions: Vera's house is located off Sepulveda Blvd., between Centinela and Manchester. From Manchester westbound toward Centinela take 77th Street (going west). Go 6 blocks to the stop sign, which is Kentwood. The very first right turn is Ogelsby.

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1999 HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON

To be announced.

HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

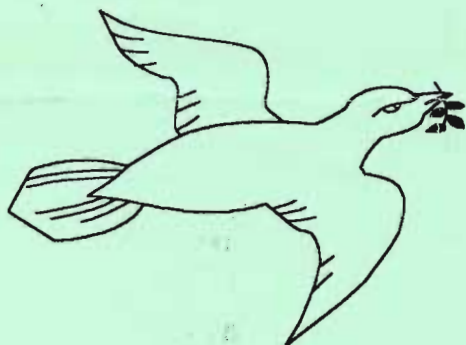
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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS
And
NEW YEAR WELCOME!*



KWANZAA

While many of us regard ourselves as powerless, the fact is that all of us have some sphere of influence in which we can work for change, even if it is just in our own network of family and friends.

By Beverly Daniel Tatum, 1998

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION POT LUCK

The Board Members and Committee Chairpersons is providing the ham. Ed Fletcher is donating the turkey.

All members are asked to bring a dish to serve a minimum of 25 people or you can make a donation, before December 16, 1999.

If you previously signed up to bring something, please bring that item.

Please call Vera Merritt at (310) 215-1626 to inform her of what you are bringing or if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to CAAGS and mail it to Vera Merritt, 7510 Ogelsby Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

CAAGS MEETING

December 18, 1999

Martin Luther King, Jr.
United Methodist Church
6625 4th Avenue & 67th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

General Schedule
9:00 - 10:30 Beginners Class
Ronald Batiste, Instructor

Intermediate Class
Majorie Higgins, Instructor
Please bring your Pedigree or Ancestor Chart

10:30AM - 11:00AM Installation of Officers

11:00AM - 1:00PM - Christmas Party

(Schedule is subject to change without notice.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all of the members who participated in the November meeting. Now that we have clarified certain issues, we are on a successful road to getting back to CAAGS objective, which is genealogy research.

CAAGS CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

If you would like to participate in the Christmas gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5 or more to our December 18, 1999 meeting. Label your gift: **M**-for a male, **F**-for a female, and **E**-for either male or female.

It is not necessary to put your name on the gift. Give the gift to Santa's rep and be sure to get your number for the gift selection.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

December 22, 1999 for January 2000 issue

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new Officers.

President - Ronald Batiste

First Vice President - Alva Griffith

Second Vice President - Marjorie Higgins

Corresponding Secretary - Dorothylou Sands

Parliamentarian - Erma Hurse

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

FRANCIS STUBBLEFIELD is researching Thomas from Alexandria, Louisiana.

JAMES S. WALKER is researching Brownrigg, Gaston, Tabb, LeVesques, Walker, and Washington.

LUCILLE WILLIAMS is researching Williams.

UNDELIVERABLE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The following individual e-mail addresses have been returned as undeliverable. I would appreciate you e-mailing the Editor, Rachele McMurray at RMcMurray001@yahoo.com with your correct e-mail address.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF CLINT HAYES

It is my sad duty to report the death of our former member, Clint Hayes on Sunday, November 7, 1999 in Alabama, after a lengthy illness. For those of you who are relatively new to our organization, and may not have known him, Clint lived here in California

and was active with CAAGS for a time. His funeral was Saturday, November 13, 1999 in Alabama.

Clint was the consummate computer-guru, and once did a presentation for CAAGS where he brought his computer and ALL his paraphernalia to show us what could be done in genealogy using a computer. For many members, it was their introduction to doing this kind of work by computer. He even looked up members' relatives at the meeting that day on the Social Security Death Index.

We had hopes of forming a CAAGS computer group with Clint at its head, but after his father became ill, he moved back to Alabama to be near his family. His children also lived in that general area, so he could have the best of both worlds. A retired widower, moving was not too big of an issue. As it turned out, it also put him at home with his family during his illness.

For those of us who have worked with Clint online at American On Line and AfriGeneas, he will be sorely missed. For those of us who have also been his friend, his is especially hard. He was a dear man, as all of you who knew him will remember.

A Tribute Page has been set up online for Clint at:

<http://member.aol.com/afriamgene/clint/tributes.html>

Please go by to view the tributes, and add your thoughts if you wish.

You may send a condolence card to this address:

Family of Clint Hayes
11671 Mose Lane North
Grand Bay, AL 36541

Submitted by Alva Griffith

THANK YOU

Colette DeVerge for your contribution of stamps for our mailings during the 1999 year. Your contribution was truly appreciated.

Submitted by the Board Members

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER TONY BURROUGHS

The world renowned African American Genealogist, Tony Burroughs from Chicago, IL will be CAAGS guest speaker on Saturday, February 5, 2000, between 2PM - 4PM.

This special event will take place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Meeting Room, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. (corner of Santa Monica and Overland), Los Angeles, CA 90025, (310) 474-9990 or (310) 474-2202.

Admission will be by advance tickets sale only. The tickets are \$15 each. There is limited seating for 50 people.

TONY BURROUGHS AUDIO INTERVIEW

By Bill Chapman

A wonderful interview with noted African-American Genealogist, Tony Burroughs, has been posted on the Internet. To hear it follow these steps.

1. Go to <http://talkspot.com/shows.html>
2. Click on "Archives" (listed on the left-hand side of the page).
3. Scroll down and click on "Generations-Find your Roots".
4. Click on "Sept." (located in the box on the right).
5. Click on "09-08-99" and enjoy!

The program begins with a funky country song, but bear with it. The interview is worth it.

Submitted by Ronald Batiste

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Aziza Abdullah	Surah LeNoir-Mfume
Arthur G. Bragg	Elizabeth Lewis
Thelma Cameron	Izetta Walton
Videll H. Cason	Kenneth K. Welsh
Martha Clark	

COMPUTER CORNER

The Internet

OOway.com (aka Order Our Way.com) is the first African American owned search engine. It is a new venture from an enterprising group of African Americans from Chicago, IL. Things are coming together very well for the website.

OOway.com is designed to offer the same types of services that Yahoo! Alta Vista, Lycos, and Infoseek. The difference is that it will cater to the business community across the nation. There is a variety of information ranging from stock market information to weather.

You will also be able to purchase merchandise such as computers or apply for a credit card through the site. It's guaranteed to be one of the best search engines on the web.

Right now OOway.com needs your help. Our goal is to get 10,000 hits on the site. Reaching 10,000 hits will help bring in the advertising dollars needed to boost the site through the roof.

Many areas on the site are still under construction, but once all of the information is in place, the site will be "the bomb."

"How can I help?" you might ask. Well, I am glad you asked. You can help in two ways.

1. When you are on the Internet, bring up the site. Each time you bring up the site, it will count as a hit. The address is OOway.com.
2. Send this website location to all of the people you can think of. The faster you send it out, the faster the hits will come in, the faster the site will grow.

Thank you in advance for all of your help in making OOway.com successful.

Submitted by T. Race Headen

NEW HERITAGE STAMP

The Internet

A new 33-cent stamp is available to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s **MARCH ON WASHINGTON. Let's purchase this stamp!!!!** We don't want it recalled. Please pass this information on to those who might want to be aware of this information.

Submitted by Bernadene Coleman

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SHARED HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Shared Heritage Committee would like to **THANK** all of those in attendance at our Conference. The following people did not pick up their prizes from the Door Prize Drawing held at the CAAGS Shared Heritage Conference:

Cubia Bolden	Ophelia Sanders
Ada Durham	Martha Thomas
Wilbury Friday	

The prizes may be picked up at the December CAAGS meeting.

Thanks again to all who made our Conference such a great success.

Submitted by Charlotte Bocage

GENTECH 2000 GENEALOGY AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

This conference features nationally known speakers presenting information on how to use today's advancing technology for computers, genealogy software, scanners, and the Internet, emphasizing the very latest in genealogical research techniques for beginners to advanced genealogists.

Friday and Saturday, January 28-29, 2000 at the San Diego Concourse Convention Center.

Gentech 2000, 1997 Alameda Ter, San Diego, CA 92103-1646, (714) 577-0364, sdgs@genealogy.org or <http://www.gentech.org/2000home.htm>.

Fees

<u>Before December 31, 1999</u>	<u>After January 1, 2000</u>
One Day \$50	One Day \$70
Two Days \$85	Two Days \$110
Friday Lunch \$22	
Friday Banquet \$30	
Saturday Lunch \$25	

You can pick up a Gentech 2000 flyer at the sign-in table.

Hotel suggestion is the Hotel Circle Inn & Suites, 2201 Hotel Circle Street, San Diego, CA 92108, (800) 621-1345. The hotel is not far from where Gentech 2000 will be held.

If you have an AAA card you will receive a ten-percent discount off the per night rate of \$59.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

The following four Committees Need Volunteers **NOW**.

BY-LAWS: Help in reviewing and/or making recommendations for our new By-laws. This committee will meet every two weeks starting in January, until the end of March at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints or the Martin Luther King, Jr. United Methodist Church. The day and time will be selected once the Committees have been formed.

HOSPITALITY: Is in desperate need of a Chairperson to serve for a period of three months at a time. You would be responsible for gathering the names of the members who would like to bring a dish or make a donation for our monthly meetings. In addition, you would have to plan a menu selection for the meetings, keep inventory of supplies (paper plates, eating utensils, etc.), and turn in all monetary donations to our Treasurer. The CAAGS Hospitality Fund pays for the supplies.

PUBLICATION: Our Newsletter needs a new look and a new attitude. If you have the Microsoft Desktop Publishing Software, it is desperately needed to enhance the quality of our Newsletter. Your artistic ideas are also needed to help create a better Newsletter. If you have extra time on your hand and would like to do some typing, there are projects waiting for you.

WEB PAGE: It is now time to create a better Web Page for the new Millennium. If you have any creative skills and you love typing in your spare time, please sign up.

There will be a sign-in sheet for each of the above Committees at the sign-in table. **NEW MEMBERS** are especially encouraged to get involved in the future of CAAGS.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.inwd.com/death/usa.htm>
<http://we.got.net/docent/cem/uscem.htm>
<http://www.funeralnet.com/cgi-local/notfound.pl?/>

NEW ADDITIONS TO CAAGS LIBRARY

History of Jefferson County, Florida. Historians: Mary Oakley McRory & Edith Clarke Barrows. 1935 (Donated by Eva Denmark Allen).

Bridge Street to Freedom: Landmarking a Station on the Underground Railroad. By Dolores Van Rensalier & Flavia Alaya. 1998. Published by

Ramapo College of New Jersey (Donated by Dolores Van Rensalier).

The 1995 Genealogy Annual. A Bibliography of Published Sources by Thomas J. Kemp. c1996, Scholarly Resources Inc.

Works Progress Administration. (W.P.A.) Surveys, Inventories, Guides. City, Town, County, State, National Depositories - Published and Unpublished Church Records Surveys. c1993, Fran Carter-Walker.

USCT Civil War Digest (Newsletter), Vol. 1, No. 2, October 1999. (United States Colored Troops Institute for Local History & Family Research). Harwick College, Oneontga, N. Y. 13820.

Submitted by Evelyn Ross, Librarian

"I WANT"

Author Unknown

I want ancestors with names like Rudimentary Montagnard or Melchizenick von Steubenhoffmannschild or Spetznatz Giafortoni, not William Brown or John Hunter or Mary Abbott.

I want ancestors who could read and write, had their children baptized in recognized houses of worship, went to school, purchased land, left detailed wills (naming a huge extended family as legatees), had their photographs taken once a year - subsequently putting said pictures in elaborate glass frames annotated with calligraphic inscriptions, and carved voluble and informative inscriptions on their headstones.

I want relatives who managed to bury their predecessors in established, still-extant (and indexed) cemeteries.

I want family members who wrote memoirs, who enlisted in the military as officers and who served in strategically important (and well documented) skirmishes.

I want relatives who served as councilmen, teachers, county clerks and town historians.

I want relatives who "religiously" wrote in the family Bible, journalizing every little event and detailing the familial relationship of every visitor.

In the case of immigrant progenitors, I want them to have arrived only in those years wherein passenger lists were indexed by National Archives, and I want them to have applied for citizenship and to have done

so only in those jurisdictions which have since established indices.

I want relatives who were patriotic and clubby, who joined every patrimonial society they could find, who kept diaries, listed all their addresses, who had paintings made of their houses, and who dated every piece of paper they touched.

I want forebears who were wealthy enough to afford, and to keep for generations, the tribal homestead, and who left all the aforementioned pictures and diaries and journals intact in the library.

But most of all, I want relatives I can **FIND!!!**

Submitted by Cecelia Alleyne

HENRIETTE DELILLE

Henriette Delille is the first U.S. native-born African American whose cause for canonization has been officially opened by the Catholic Church. She was born in New Orleans in 1812, a free person of color. By 1836, she had inspired a small band of women to assist the sick and dying and to catechize the uninstructed among "her people." That same year, she wrote the simply prayer that guided her life: "I believe in God. I hope in God. I love and I want to live and die for God." By 1841, this group of pious women was both encouraged and recognized by the Catholic Church. The Sisters of the Holy Family traced their official origin to the following year. By 1851, Henriette Delille had personally purchased a home where these women could live in the community and further their ministry. At her death in 1862, Henriette Delille was known as one "who for the love of Jesus Christ had made herself the humble servant of slaves."

For further information, and reporting favors received, write: Henriette Delille Commission Office, 6901 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans, LA 70126-5290, Fax (504) 241-3957, E-mail Sylviathib@aol.com, <http://member.aol.com/srdechanti/hfamily/index.html>.

Prayer Card

CAAGS CALENDAR

December 18, 1999 - Installation of Officers and Holiday Party.

January 15, 2000 - Roundtable Discussion.

January 17-21, 2000 - Salt Lake City, UT Institute on Genealogy.

January 29-30, 2000 - Gentech 2000 in San Diego, CA.

February 4-5, 2000 - National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference at the Torrance Marriott in Torrance, CA.

February 5, 2000 - Tony Burroughs will speak at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

February 10-21, 2000 - "Illuminating the Future" - The Pan African Film Festival at the Magic Johnson Theatres in Los Angeles, CA.

February 19, 2000 - Black History Month Celebration. Our guest speaker will be Michael Henderson.

March 18, 2000 - CAAGS 14th Anniversary month. Our guest speaker will be Stephanie Waxman.

March 23-26, 2000 - Middle Passage Research Group & Soukeyna Enterprises Trip to Salt Lake City, UT.

April 28-30, 2000 - Middle Passage Research Group & Soukeyna Enterprises, Weekend Retreat at La Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara, CA.

April 15, 2000 - Our guest speaker will be Nancy Carlberg.

May 20, 2000 - Military History Month. Our guest speaker will be Margaret Lewis.

June 10-11, 2000 - The Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc., will host the 31st annual Genealogical Jamboree at the Pasadena Convention Center.

June 17, 2000 - NO MEETING. Juneteenth Celebration

July 15, 2000 - Roundtable Discussion.

August 19, 2000 - NO MEETING

September 6-9, 2000 - Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Middle Passage Research Group & Soukeyna Enterprises will sponsor a trip to Salt Lake City, UT from September 6-10, 1999.

September 16, 2000 - Show & Tell.

October 21, 2000 - Our guest speaker will be Bernadene Coleman, author of the book "*Mama Rose*".

October 22-29, 2000 - Middle Passage Research Group & Soukeyna Enterprises Trip to Salt Lake City, UT.

November 18, 2000 - Election of Officers. Our guest speaker will be Maxine Thompson, author of the book "*The Ebony Tree*".

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