



Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage  
8th Annual Conference and Awards Banquet

# RESISTANCE

THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD



# LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING LYRICS

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand.  
True to our GOD,  
True to our native land.



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June 6, 2024

Dear Esteemed Guests,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our members, and our entire organization, we welcome you to the 8th Annual Awards Celebration and Conference with profound honor and heartfelt gratitude. This special event is dedicated to commemorating the memory of our enslaved ancestors, fostering connections among our members, and educating others about the harrowing history of American Chattel slavery and the invaluable contributions of our ancestors. We also express our congratulations to all of the 2024 honorees.

We deeply appreciate your presence and participation in our activities, which are essential to the success and impact of our mission. Your commitment to remembering and honoring our shared heritage is a testament to the resilience and strength of our community, especially given the concerted effort of powerful voices to silence ours. We also appreciate this year's presenters. Their research, dedication, and willingness to share deserve our collective admiration.

We also thank this year's sponsors. We can keep the admission prices low and continue our programming throughout the year with their and our members' support. We thank the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, 10 Million Names/American Ancestors, and the Society of First Africans of English America. We are a 100% volunteer, 501c(3) organization; all donations are tax-deductible. To donate, give to [www.paypal.me/SDUSMP](http://www.paypal.me/SDUSMP). Also, consider purchasing one of our collectible pins commemorating aspects of our ancestor's history. This year we are featuring two beautiful pins commemorating the conductors of the Underground Railroad—one dedicated to Harriet Tubman (see <https://store.sdusmp.org/>

Our celebrations begin on Friday, June 7th, 2024, with the Book and Service and Leadership Awards. This evening promises to be an inspiring occasion as we recognize outstanding individuals and their contributions to preserving the legacy of our ancestors and leading the charge in community service and education. These awards are a reminder of the incredible work being done by dedicated members like you, who tirelessly work to ensure that the stories of our ancestors are never forgotten.

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The community learning conference on Saturday, June 8th, 2024, will allow us to deepen our understanding of the history and lasting impact of American Chattel slavery. Through insightful presentations, workshops, and discussions, we aim to equip you with the knowledge and tools to educate others further and advocate for recognizing our ancestors' sacrifices and achievements.

Your engagement in these events honors the memory of those who came before us and strengthens our collective resolve to continue their legacy of courage, resilience, and determination. We believe that education and connection can inspire future generations to acknowledge and respect the profound history that shapes our present and future.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we are building a powerful and enduring tribute to our ancestors and ensuring their stories inspire and educate for generations to come.

With deepest appreciation,

*Evelyn A. McDowell*

Dr. Evelyn A. McDowell, Ph.D.  
President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Enclosure



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May 30, 2024

Evelyn McDowell, PhD  
President  
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Dear Dr. McDowell,

On behalf of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS) we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage (SDUMP) on the momentous occasion of your 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference.

This milestone is a testament to the incredible dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment that your organization has shown towards its mission. Over the years, SDUMP has made significant strides in preserving the memory of our freed and enslaved ancestors and it is truly inspiring to see the positive impact you have made in our community and beyond.

Your efforts have touched countless lives and it is through your perseverance and passion that SDUMP continues to thrive and we have no doubt it will continue to succeed in the years to come.

We would also like to extend congratulations to the winners of your national awards. These awards are a wonderful way to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional contributions of individuals who embody the spirit and values of SDUMP.

We are confident that SDUMP will continue to achieve great things. Here's to many more years of success, growth, and making a difference.

Once again, congratulations on your 8th annual conference. May your organization continue to flourish and make a lasting impact on the lives of those you serve.

With warmest regards,

*LaJoy Y Mosby*

LaJoy Y Mosby, MBA  
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# Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage

2024 Annual Conference

## Conference Schedule

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

### Visit the 2024 Conference website

Visit the Ancestor Poster Room to hear presentations about found ancestors

Learn more about our sponsors in their virtual booths

Get links to the Annual Awards Ceremony and Conference

**6:00 P.M.**

### Processional

**All Members of Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage**

### Master of Ceremony

Abasi Aniton, Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage Board Member

### Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Recording from G. Preston Wilson

### Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Evelyn McDowell, President and Chair of the Board of Directors

### Keynote Address

Stephanie Gilbert, Sojourns in Truth

### SDUSMP Book Award Presentation

Robert Burch

### Historical-Event (Nonfiction)

*The 272: The Families Who Were Enslaved and Sold to Build the American Catholic Church* by Rachel L. Swarns

### Historical-Event (Nonfiction)

*Florida's Negro War: Black Seminoles and the Second Seminole War 1835-1842* by Anthony E. Dixon

### Historical-Era, Historical-Memoirs, Biographies, Nonfiction

*Say Anarcha: A Young Woman, A Devious Surgeon, and the Harrowing Birth of Modern Women's Health* by J. C. Hallman

### Historical-Memoirs, Biographies, Nonfiction

*My Lord, He Calls Me: Stories of Faith by Black Americans Latter-Day Saints* by Alice Faulkner Burch (Editor)

### Historical-Genealogical Research, Nonfiction

*My Best Genealogy Tips: Finding Formerly Enslaved Ancestors* by Robin Foster

**Children's Fiction (Ages 0-17)**

*Where Did We Come From: The Birth of Black America* by Dr. Marion T. Lane

**Historical-Family Stories**

*At the Feet of Elders: A Journey into a Lowcountry Family History* by Darius Brown

**Historical-Family Stories**

*You Promised to Do No Harm: A True Story of Love, Loss, and the Horror of Healthcare Disparity for One African-American Family* by Jonnie Ramsey Brown

**SDUSMP Service Awards Presentation**

Majorie Fort-Dees

**Certificates of Special Recognition**

Dante Eubanks, Genealogy Blogger & Orice Jenkins, Recording Artist, Genealogist and Author

**Chairperson's Award**

Jonnie Ramsey Brown, Awarding-winning Author & Family Historian

**William Wells Brown Leadership Award**

Kathy Lynne Marshall, Author

**Ida B. Wells Leadership Award**

Dr. Antoinette Harrell, Historian, Genealogist, & Civil Rights Activist

**Solomon Northup Service Award**

Renate Yarborough Sanders, Genealogy Blogger

**Crispus Attucks Leadership Award**

Charles Holman, Civil Rights Activist & Attorney

**Harriet Tubman Leadership Award**

Debbie Ann Paige, Historian

**Frederick Douglass Leadership Award**

LaJoy Mosby, National President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc

**Closing Comments**

Judge Anita Laister Mays

Virtual After Party (immediately following the awards ceremony)

Please see bios and session descriptions on the conference website. <https://conference2024.sdusmp.org/>

Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage  
2024 Annual Conference Awards Ceremony Agenda



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2024 Annual Conference

## Conference Schedule

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

**8:30 A.M. Doors Open**

### Remembrance Ceremony

Khadijah Matin

### Welcome

Dr. Evelyn McDowell, President and Chair of the Board

### Plenary Session

You are the Legacy of Your Ancestors, Christian Joy Maiden

### Break

#### Breakout Session A: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Ancestors Who Lost Their Indigenous Roots by Faulty Documentation and Deliberate Acts, Gigi Best-Richardson, **live (virtual)**

The Story of Betsy Grant: A Fight for Freedom, Land, Education, and Love, Orice Jenkins, **live (virtual)**

10 Million Names Project, Cynthia Evans, **live (virtual)**

#### Lunch: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Stephanie Gilbert

Lunch with Chef Keesha O'Galdez

#### Breakout Session B: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Freedom Seekers of the Underground Railroad, Kathryn Puckett, **live (virtual)**

Resistance Through the Underground Railroad - My Ancestral Connections and Their Interactions with Freedom Seekers, Janice Gilyard, **live (virtual)**

Exploring the Epigenetic Impact of American Slavery on Black Maternal Health and/or Fertility, Shar Goolsby, **pre-recorded w/ live Q&A**

**Break: 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm**

**Breakout Session C: 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm**

They Sued Standard Oil—And Won!, Janice M. Sellers, **live (virtual)**

Joining Sons & Daughters: Join Our Lineage Society, Jonnie Ramsey Brown, **pre-recorded w/ live Q&A**

Affirmations of Black Loyalist, Allister J. Barton, **pre-recorded w/ live Q&A**

**Closing Remarks**

**3:45-4:00**

Evelyn McDowell, President and Chair of the Board of Directors

Business Meeting for Members of SDUSMP

4:15-5:00

## Our 2024 Sponsors



**AAHGS**  
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# Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc



**Congratulates the  
Sons and Daughters  
of the United States Middle Passage  
on their  
2024 National Conference**



# **BREAKOUT SESSION A**

10:30 am - 11:30 am

## **ANCESTORS WHO LOST THEIR INDIGENOUS ROOTS BY FAULTY DOCUMENTATION AND DELIBERATE ACTS**

### **GIGI BEST-RICHARDSON**

This discussion delves into the practical aspects of using genealogy as a foundation for reparations claims. By intertwining genealogical evidence with legal arguments, we aim to strengthen the case for reparations, emphasizing the need for acknowledgment, restitution, and reconciliation.

## **THE STORY OF BETSY GRANT: A FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, LAND, EDUCATION, AND LOVE**

### **ORICE JENKINS**

Sarah Elizabeth Grant, also known as Betsy, was born enslaved in 1837 in Greene County, Georgia. In 2022, a tweet from the Smithsonian Transcription Center shed light on a letter she wrote to the Freedmen's Bureau, showing up on the timeline of one of her great-nephews: Orice Jenkins. Further research by Orice revealed Betsy's complex story, as the daughter of an enslaved woman and a free man of color, who sued her enslaver after emancipation. Various resources were used to determine the identity of her parents, including DNA results, court records, Freedmen's Bureau records, newspapers, and the new Full-Text Search feature on FamilySearch, leading to the uncovering of a historical phenomenon in the Grant family.

## **10 MILLION NAMES PROJECT**

### **CYNTHIA EVANS**

10 Million Names is dedicated to recovering the names of the estimated ten million men, women, and children of African descent who were enslaved in pre- and post-colonial America (specifically, the territory that would become the United States) between the 1500s and 1865. 10 Million Names is engaging a collaborative network of expert genealogists, cultural organizations, and community-based family historians. Together we will amplify the voices of people who have been telling their family stories for centuries, connect researchers and data partners with people seeking answers to family history questions, and expand access to data, resources, and information about enslaved African Americans.

# LUNCH PANEL & COOKING PRESENTATION

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

## **THE STORY OF ISABELLA AND THE OVERGROUND RAILROAD**

### **STEPHANIE GILBERT**

Stephanie Gilbert will delve deeper into the compelling story of Isabella and her escape from Baltimore. This narrative, intricately linked to the Underground Railroad and its brave operatives, promises to be a captivating one.

## **SOUL FOOD BOWEL**

### **CHEF KEESHA O'GALDEZ**

Join us for an exciting cooking presentation with Chef Keesha O'Galdez, where she will demonstrate how to create a mouthwatering Soul Food Bowl. This flavorful dish features Cajun-spiced chicken bites, sautéed collard greens, creamy fonio grits, and roasted maple sweet potatoes. Watch and learn as Chef Keesha shares her culinary secrets and brings these vibrant flavors to life.



# **BREAKOUT SESSION B**

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

## **FREEDOM SEEKERS OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**

### **KATHRYN PUCKETT**

This presentation delves into the courageous self-emancipation efforts of enslaved individuals, with a particular focus on Ohio's pivotal role. This presentation uncovers the daring journeys of those who risked everything for liberty, highlighting the Cozad Bates House in Cleveland, a crucial haven on the path to freedom. Through powerful narratives and historical insights, attendees will gain a profound understanding of the resilience and bravery that defined the Underground Railroad's legacy.

## **RESISTANCE THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD - MY ANCESTRAL CONNECTIONS AND THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH FREEDOM SEEKERS**

### **JANICE GILYARD**

This session will focus on my personal discovery regarding ancestors who were connected to the Underground Railroad, and major historical difference makers my ancestors collaborated with to assist freedom seekers (Frederick Douglas, Willaim Lloyd Garrison, Charles Sumner, and Basil and Thomas Dorsey). This session will also highlight some of the communities they lived in with other history makers in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

## **EXPLORING THE EPIGENETIC IMPACT OF AMERICAN SLAVERY ON BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH AND/OR FERTILITY**

### **SHAR GOOLSBY**

This presentation will be about the results of generational patterns and the impact of trauma. One area of Goolsby's focus as a trauma therapist is Ancestral/Intergenerational Trauma or Transgenerational Trauma. Trauma experienced during the developmental stages of childhood can alter the development of the individual's nervous system resulting in diagnoses of eczema, ADHD, ADD, and personality disorders for many. Traumatic experiences impact our entire being as well as create an environment that supports genetic modification. Simply stated deeply painful experiences perceived by an individual as traumatic impact the health of that individual and can be biologically passed down to the next generation. This is a very basic breakdown of research made available through the study of epigenetics. Epigenetics is one mechanism by which environmental factors such as childhood stress, racial discrimination, economic hardship, and depression can affect gene expression without altering the underlying genetic sequence.

According to The Centre Against Violence, recent ground-breaking research by Dr. Ayellet Cohen-Vider, a clinical psychologist, reveals that women who experienced sexual abuse were twice as likely to encounter infertility issues. Given this consideration, there must be an epigenetic impact on the current fragility of Black Maternal Health. This presentation will explore this subject further.

# **BREAKOUT SESSION C**

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

## **THEY SUED STANDARD OIL—AND WON!**

### **JANICE M. SELLERS**

Henry Crawford and his wife, America Brooks, were born into enslavement. Yet in Georgia in 1917, although they were poor and illiterate, they and several family members sued a major U.S. corporation, Standard Oil, for damages after being sold what they claimed was a mislabeled product that caused an explosion and killed three family members. They won a settlement from Standard. Documentation was found in newspapers and court records.

## **JOINING SONS & DAUGHTERS: JOIN OUR LINEAGE SOCIETY**

### **JONNIE RAMSEY BROWN**

In her informative presentation, Jonnie Brown, award-winning author, member of several hereditary organizations, and board member of Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage (SDUSMP), provides essential tips and guidance for individuals looking to join the SDUSMP, an organization dedicated to descendants of enslaved Africans. Jonnie will share valuable genealogical strategies to help attendees trace their lineage, offering advice on navigating historical records and overcoming common research challenges. Her session is designed to assist anyone interested in connecting with their heritage and becoming a part of this important hereditary group.

## **AFFIRMATIONS OF BLACK LOYALISTS**

### **ALLISTER J. BARTON**

3000 Black Loyalists – They saw slavery. They saw war. They saw an evacuation to Nova Scotia. Their names, gender, age, where and when they escaped enslavement, and whom they ran from, are written in the Inspection Roll of Negroes ledger of 1783 (AKA The Book of Negroes). The Book of Negroes is described as “the single most important document relating to the immigration of African Americans to Nova Scotia following the War of Independence.” Allister has traced his lineages to the Company of Black Pioneer soldiers, and Black Loyalists, who were formed by the British military during the American Revolution and evacuated to Nova Scotia. Join this presentation to learn about his ancestors’ escape from slave plantations in Virginia, to where our Black Loyalist communities have been settled in Digby, Nova Scotia, since 1783!

# CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Allister J. Barton** is an 8th-generation African Nova Scotian. Allister’s genealogical research reveals a collection of stories that affirm African Nova Scotians’ documented journey. He enjoys presenting his research to community groups, libraries, and genealogical societies.



**Gigi Best-Richardson** is a Historian (Phi Alpha Theta), Genealogist, Speaker, and a Virginia Humanities Scholar. She is an award-winning author. Her book, “Thomas the Melungeon: His Locust Family of Free Persons of Color Civil and Revolutionary War Patriots” – Vol 1 was published in 2015 and has been recently revised. She attended Morgan State University’s Graduate Program 1992-1996. She is a member of many national hereditary societies, i.e., The Order of First Families of North Carolina; Daughters of the American Revolution; Vice President of SDUSMP, and Historian General of the Society of the First African Families of English America. She consults with other genealogists and speaks professionally to large and small

groups. Gigi is the Vice President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, where she utilizes research skills and records primary documentation. She is the Docent of the nonprofit museum and teaches clients genealogy to prove their pedigree through several generations. She has verified her progenitors in colonial America, including her 9th great-grandmother. The latter arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619.



**Jonnie Ramsey Brown** holds an MBA, a CPA certificate and is a Certified Information System Auditor. She worked at colleges and universities for over twenty years managing various accounting and budgeting functions. Jonnie served on the 1984 Los Angeles and 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games organizing committees, her two most exciting employment experiences ever. Jonnie retired from the US Department of Homeland Security in 2019. Jonnie is a “Gold Medal Mom” as her son, Michael Marsh, a track sprinter, won two gold medals at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games and a silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games. Jonnie is a storyteller and family historian, formally documenting her family back to slavery, the American Revolution, and

earlier. She holds membership in the Sons and Daughters of the US Middle Passage, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and several other lineage organizations. She also belongs to many genealogical and historical societies around the country. The 2024 SDUSMP Phillis Wheatley Book Award in the Historical-Family Stories recognizes Jonnie’s effort to bring awareness to racial disparities in healthcare, in honor of the legacy of her late husband, Thomas James Brown.



**Cynthia Evans** holds an M.A. in Museum Science. She is a researcher, historian, and genealogist with more than ten years of experience in African American history and research and five years of experience managing a genealogy center that specialized in African American genealogy. As the manager of the genealogy center, she created and implemented genealogical programming for adults and children, genealogical field trip activities for the African American

Cultural Center and created a genealogical curriculum. In 2016, she partnered with other local archival institutions to create Austin's first African American Genealogical symposium.



**Stephanie Gilbert** has dedicated her research to uncovering her family's profound history linked to the antebellum South, slavery, and the quest for freedom. Her work extends beyond oral family traditions into pivotal moments in American history, inspired by the legacy of figures like her ancestor Oliver Cromwell Kelly Gilbert and other relatives involved in significant historical milestones such as the founding of the AME Church and the Wilmington, NC massacre. Stephanie's role as a family historian and archivist has allowed her to preserve extensive records, including unpublished memoirs and primary source archives that illuminate the struggles and resilience of enslaved people seeking freedom. Her quest to maintain the ties to her enslaved

ancestors' remains was chronicled in a Washington Post article titled; She Cherished The Home Where Her Family Fleed Slavery. Then A Stranger Bought It. For more information, go to her website: [www.ocgilbert.com](http://www.ocgilbert.com).



**Janice Cross Gilyard** is a charter member of The Harriet Tubman Chapter of Sons & Daughters of the US Middle Passage, The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society – New Jersey Chapter (two terms as President and three terms as Vice President), and The National Genealogical Society. Janice serves on the following boards: Sons & Daughters of the US Middle Passage, The National Genealogical Society, The Genealogical Society of New Jersey, The 313+ Ancestors Speak Project, and she is a member of the History Team for the Historic James Howe House Project in Montclair, NJ. Janice has conducted her family research for the past 26 years and documented her family history back to 1720 (African American,

Indigenous/Native American, and European). She is proud of her ancestors, which include authors, professors (two founded colleges), abolitionists, mariners, midwives, political campaigners, farmers, and pastors. Janice is enthusiastic about history and genealogy and believes that her ancestors chose her to research, document, share, and preserve their stories. Janice has made numerous genealogy presentations at genealogical and lineage societies, churches, libraries, universities, and she has presented for RootsTech – Genealogy Conferences for 2021-2024. Janice is a Paul E. Sluby African American Scholarship Recipient presented by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (2021) and host a Podcast in partnership with Cherekana Feliciano: Speak On It! History & Genealogy Conversations with Janice & Cherekana. Janice's professional experience includes over 20 years in Public Relations and 13 years managing Consumer Services. She loves history, genealogy, and traveling.



**Shar Goolsby** is a Clinical Mental Health Therapist with a focus on Traumatic Stress. She specializes in the intersection of ancestral and intergenerational trauma, familial behavioral and/or thought patterns, and the connection to physiological symptoms and chronic illness. Currently pursuing licensure and certification in clinical mental health counseling with a specialization in trauma, Shar is committed to offering an integrated approach to healing that encompasses physical, emotional, and psychological aspects. Shar is a dedicated healthcare provider with a unique gift for healing, which has been deeply influenced and supported by ancestral wisdom. She has a background in serving the community in various healing capacities,

which includes licensure as a physical therapist assistant and certification as an integrative energetic medicine practitioner. Shar completed her M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a concentration in Military and Veteran Family Trauma from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, and has received her National Counselor Certification (NCC). Shar will be completing her post-graduate trauma certification in Traumatic Stress Studies through the Trauma Research Foundation. Shar holds a BA in Sociology with a concentration in race, gender, and inequality from Georgia State University and an AS in Physical Therapy from Jefferson College (formerly the College of Health Sciences).



**Orice Jenkins** is a recording artist, genealogist, educator, and author, born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut. He began researching his family history upon discovering that Whitney Houston's grandparents were from his grandmother's hometown of Blakely, Georgia. Since then, he has traced his ancestry back to 1756 in Central Virginia, uncovering the stories of several formerly enslaved Americans. Orice is a member of the Sons and Daughters of the U.S. Middle Passage and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. He has presented his findings at The College of William & Mary's Lemon Project Spring Symposium, FamilySearch's RootsTech Conference, and the International African American Museum's Center for Family History. His research has been featured in The Washington Post, PBS' Finding Your Roots, and

on the National Park Service website. Orice's latest project is a book chronicling the family of Grandison Goolsby, a prominent farmer who was extrajudicially lynched in Early County, Georgia in 1915. The book will be released on July 22nd, 2024 through The History Press, an imprint of Arcadia Publishing. Orice also publishes a blog called Chesta's Children, and serves as the Executive Director of a youth music program in Greenfield, Massachusetts.



**Christian Joy Maiden**, an attorney based in Cleveland, Ohio, combines her passion for law with a deep interest in ancestry and genealogy. Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, Christian has always been curious about her roots and the stories of her ancestors. Christian's interest in her genealogy began when she matriculated at Howard University School of Law. Her dual passions for law and genealogy reflect her commitment to understanding the past while shaping the future. Whether delving into legal precedents or ancestral records, she approaches each pursuit with meticulous attention to detail and a genuine enthusiasm for discovery. In her spare time,

Christian enjoys sharing her findings with others, fostering connections within her community, and promoting a deeper understanding of both legal rights and personal histories. Her dedication to her profession and her heritage make her a valued member of the Cleveland legal community and a passionate advocate for preserving and celebrating individual stories.



**Evelyn Aniton McDowell Ph.D.** is the President of the Board of Directors, founder, and Charter Member of Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage (SDUSMP), a lineage society for descendants of individuals enslaved in the United States of America. Dr. McDowell has been researching her family for over twenty years and has identified over 37 enslaved direct ancestors. She is a member of the Princeton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a frequent speaker about slavery and slavery in New Jersey, identifying enslaved ancestors, and how to join SDUSMP. She strongly advocates for justice and commemoration for the enslaved, accuracy in American history books, and the repair of the

descendant community. She also served as the Co-chair of Rider University's Task Force on the History of Slavery at Rider University. She is the Chair of the Accounting Department and Associate Professor at Rider University. Dr. McDowell is also a Certified Public Accountant.



**Reverend Doctor Khadijah Matin** (Roundtable Facilitator) is part of the national dialogue, exploring culturally competent education, within accurate historical context, and considers her works in African American family and faith history as her calling and a continuation of her family's traditions in the ministry and education. Khadijah's research focus areas include an examination of faith and family history in the shaping of identity and community and the varied ways in which history and spirituality intersect. Current projects include developing models of

learning and service based upon the journey of African Americans, particularly prior to the mid-20th century. She is SOFAFEA's Chaplin General. She is a member of the Society of the Sons and Daughters of the U.S. Middle Passage. She will lead a national discussion with Revolutionary War health scholars on the Revolutionary War Medicine on the Battlefields.



**Chef Keesha O' Galdez** is a personal chef. She has completed the Chef's training program at the Natural Gourmet Institute for Culinary Arts in New York City. Focusing on organic, vegetarian, vegan, and other health-supportive diets. She also has a BS in Information Systems Engineering from Buffalo University—SUNY and an MBA from Simmons College in Boston, MA. Worked in the non-profit, academic, public, and financial sectors as a project consultant and operations manager. She has graced the kitchens as a Pastry Chef at Smith Canteen in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, Amy's Bread and Smile to Go in Soho, and Savory as a catering chef at Patina Events. You may have seen Chef Keesha on multiple episodes of Epicurious's 50 Person Prep challenge web series that has reached over 10 million views and Food Network's

Chopped.



**Kathryn Puckett** JD-MM, Northwestern University School of Law and Kellogg School of Management is Board Chair of the non-profit Restore Cleveland Hope, Inc. ([www.restoreclevelandhope.com](http://www.restoreclevelandhope.com)). Restore Cleveland Hope operates the historic Cozad-Bates House Underground Railroad Center in Cleveland, OH. Open to the public without charge, this pre-Civil War structure built by anti-slavery sympathizers offers exhibits and presentations to enrich understanding of America's seminal freedom movement. Guided by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's vision of the "Beloved Community," RCH conducts programs for audiences of all ages that explore the struggle for freedom in the United States of America.



**Janice M. Sellers** is related to actor Peter Sellers and to John of Gaunt, son of a king and father of a king. At least that's what her grandparents told her. Unfortunately, they were wrong, but that's why she has researched her family for almost 50 years and now helps others find the right pieces to fit their genealogy puzzles. She specializes in Black, Jewish, forensic, and newspaper research and has taught at local to international levels. Her site is [ancestraldiscoveries.com](http://ancestraldiscoveries.com).

# ANCESTOR POSTER PRESENTERS

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**Descendants:**

- \*Miles\* (1851-1923)
- William (1855-?)
- Easter (1858-?)
- Richard (1860-?)
- John B (1863-?)
- Priscilla (1864-?)
- Sarah (1867-?)
- Marion (1869-?)
- Adella (1872-?)
- Amanda (1876-?)
- Georgia (1878-?)

**Simon DENNY & Adeline CARSWELL**  
 Abt. 1828 VA - Aft. 1880 GA    Abt. 1832 GA - Aft. 1880 GA

Presenter: Kellye Hawkins Email: [KDHGenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:KDHGenealogy@gmail.com)

**1840 US Federal Census for Lancaster Virginia - "Simon Denny", free person of color**

NAME	FREE COLORED PERSONS									
	MALES					FEMALES				
Under 10	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59
Simon Denny		2	1						1	

15 Dec 1841 Inventory of James A Carswell, Jefferson Co, GA - Adeline

*1 Negro Girl Emily 2/3 00*  
*1 Negro Girl Adeline 54 00*  
*\$111 80*

**1850 US Federal Census - Slave Schedule of John W Denny, Jefferson Co, GA - Simon**

NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE
John W Denny	1	M	B
Most likely Simon	1	M	B
	1	M	B

8 Dec 1843 Division in Kind of James A Carswell, Jefferson Co, GA - Simon

11 Jun 1853 Inventory of John W Denny, Jefferson Co, GA - Simon

**1850 US Federal Census - Slave Schedule of Levinia Carswell, Jefferson Co, GA - Adeline**

NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE
Levinia Carswell	1	F	B
Most likely Adeline	1	F	B
	1	F	B

28 Dec 1864 Inventory of Levinia Carswell, Jefferson Co, GA - Adeline & children

2	Adeline child Firing	4000 00
3	Boy Andrew	2700 00
4	Miles	2500 00
5	Girl	1100 00
6	Girl Bertha	2000 00
7	Boy John	1000 00

**1870 US Federal Census Jefferson Co, GA - Simon & Adeline Denny and family**

Simon	22	M	B
Adeline	21	F	B
William	15	M	B
Richard	12	M	B
John B	10	M	B
Priscilla	5	F	B
Marion	6	F	B

**1880 US Federal Census Jefferson Co, GA - Miles & Mitta Denny and family**

Denny John	18	M	B
Denny Miles	18	M	B
Mittie	18	F	B
Arma	13	M	B
Kaney	13	F	B
Simon	13	M	B

**1870 US Federal Census Jefferson Co, GA - Simon & Adeline Denny and family**

Charles a boy about 25 years of age	900 00
George a " 22 " wooden leg	450 00
Simon " 23 "	200 00


**27 Nov 1923 Death Certificate - Miles Denny**

1	DECEASED	27 Nov 1923
2	FULL NAME	Miles Denny
3	DATE OF BIRTH	1869
4	PLACE OF BIRTH	VA
5	DATE OF DEATH	27 Nov 1923
6	PLACE OF DEATH	GA
7	CAUSE OF DEATH	
8	THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE	

**My Line:**

- Miles Denny (1851-1923) & Mitta Jane HENRY (1865-1911)
- Simon Junior Denny (1877-1951) & Cora OLIPHANT (1885-1967)
- Simon George Denny (1915-2003) & Mary Bernice GRAVES (1922-1991)

**"Pop-Pop" Denny**



Simon Denny & Adeline Carswell – Ancestors of Kellye Hawkins

# SERVICE AWARDS WINNERS

## Certificate of Special Recognition



**Rev. Danté Eubanks** is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio where he attended High School and the University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati will always be home but he currently resides in historic Leonardtown located in St. Mary's County, Maryland with his family and has lived in Maryland since 1996. He is a Minister and currently serves as Pastor of New Covenant Christian Worship Center in Leonardtown, MD. Rev. Eubanks is also a United States Navy Veteran. In addition to his love of ministry, he is also an avid researcher of history and loves all things genealogy. He is known as a walking family tree and enjoys pairing traditional history with genealogy with a focus on migration patterns. His family and his ministry are both his focus. He is a member of the Ministers Alliance of St. Mary's County, MD and Vicinity, NAACP Local Chapter 7029, St. Mary's County Historical Society, St. Mary's County Genealogical Society, African American Genealogical & Historical Society of Mobile, Descendants of Jesuit Enslavement Historical and Genealogical Society, White Marsh Historical Society, and many other historical societies and organizations at the local, state, and national level. He is married to the former Carrie Rowe and they are the proud parents of ten children, 7 sons and 3 daughters with the oldest being 29 and the youngest being 11 years old, and 3 grandchildren. Rev. Eubanks is family-oriented and truly believes in the old saying "A family that prays together stays together."



**Orice Jenkins** is a recording artist, genealogist, educator, and author, born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut. He began researching his family history upon discovering that Whitney Houston's grandparents were from his grandmother's hometown of Blakely, Georgia. Since then, he has traced his ancestry back to 1756 in Central Virginia, uncovering the stories of several formerly enslaved Americans. Orice is a member of the Sons and Daughters of the U.S. Middle Passage and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. He has presented his findings at The College of William & Mary's Lemon Project Spring Symposium, FamilySearch's RootsTech Conference, and the International African American Museum's Center for Family History. His research has been featured in The Washington Post, PBS' Finding Your Roots, and on the National Park Service website. Orice's latest project is a book chronicling the family of Grandison Goolsby, a prominent farmer who was extrajudicially lynched in Early County, Georgia in 1915. The book will be released on July 22nd, 2024 through The History Press, an imprint of Arcadia Publishing. Orice also publishes a blog called Chesta's Children, and serves as the Executive Director of a youth music program in Greenfield, Massachusetts.



### Chairperson's Award



**Jonnie Ramsey Brown** holds an MBA, a CPA certificate and is a Certified Information System Auditor. She worked at colleges and universities for over twenty years managing various accounting and budgeting functions. Jonnie served on the 1984 Los Angeles and 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games organizing committees, her two most exciting employment experiences ever. Jonnie retired from the US Department of Homeland Security in 2019. Jonnie is a “Gold Medal Mom” as her son, Michael Marsh, a track sprinter, won two gold medals at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games and a silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games. Jonnie is a storyteller and family

historian, formally documenting her family back to slavery, the American Revolution, and earlier. She holds membership in the Sons and Daughters of the US Middle Passage, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and several other lineage organizations. She also belongs to many genealogical and historical societies around the country. The 2024 SDUSMP Phillis Wheatley Book Award in the Historical-Family Stories recognizes Jonnie’s effort to bring awareness to racial disparities in healthcare, in honor of the legacy of her late husband, Thomas James Brown.

### William Wells Brown Leadership Award



**Kathy Lynne Marshall** is a Black Ancestor Biographer who works as a Diversity and Inclusion specialist on behalf of our ancestors. She’s written eight books that enhance the American historical record with well-researched, factual accounts of the lives of women, enslaved African Americans, and other groups. As an instructor, she leads workshops to guide others in writing the untold stories of historically excluded individuals. Her successful genealogy research and self-publishing strategies can help anyone realize their inner author. Kathy has been featured in Sacramento Magazine, The Sacramento Bee, The Sacramento Observer, Sacramento News & Review, and Elk

Grove Citizen. She has been interviewed on CBS-TV to encourage others to prove their lineage for reparations, Fox40-TV for the annual Genealogy Seminar in Sacramento, American Spark-TV for her art studio, and the Research from the National Archives and Beyond and other genealogy podcasts. She has delighted audiences at local and national genealogy and writing conferences. She has also served as a consultant to West Virginia’s Beverly Heritage Center. Kathy has won multiple Book Awards from the Sons and Daughters of the US Middle Passage, Northern California Publishers and Authors, and Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society.

### Ida B. Wells Leadership Award



**Dr. Antoinette Harrell** is a renowned genealogist and local historian with an emphasis on African American history in Tangipahoa & St. Helena, Louisiana Parishes. For the past twenty years, she has researched the subject of peonage and modern-day slavery in sixteen states. Her peonage research was featured on VICE. Dr. Harrell is also the producer of Nurturing Our Root Genealogy Educational Talk Show. She was appointed as Honorary Attorney General for her dedicated commitment in documenting the study of genealogy in 2003 in the State of Louisiana. Her research has been featured in many media publications, TV News, and radio programs nationally and internationally,

including People Magazine. Dr. Harrell received the Living Legacy ASALH Award in 2014 for documentary film productions. She is a community activist and organizer in Louisiana. You can find out more about Antoinette on her website, and follow her on YouTube.

### **Solomon Northup Service Award**



**Renate Yarborough Sanders** is the descendant of formerly enslaved ancestors, enslavers, and free people of color. She authors two blogs: “Into the LIGHT” and “Genea-Related;” and produces a “(Mostly) African-American Funeral Programs” online database. Renate is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the North Carolina Genealogical Society (Publicity Director), the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society (member of National Editorial Board and Vice-President and Newsletter Editor for the Hampton Roads Chapter), and several North Carolina local societies. She is also a member of the lineage society, “Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage.” Renate cohosts “Let’s Talk North Carolina Genealogy,” an online platform and YouTube show, presenting genealogy programming and virtual events for North Carolina researchers; and she has served as a panelist and guest on numerous web shows and podcasts. Renate has provided genealogy education for George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Norfolk State University, The College of William and Mary, and for NASA. Her research has been featured on PBS Radio and in a National Geographic cover story and podcast. Renate provides coaching and consultation services for clients seeking assistance with genealogical research and continues to engage in project work for various organizations and institutions. Renate lectures on a variety of genealogy topics but specializes in teaching beginner to intermediate research methodology and sharing specific techniques for researching ancestors of color – both pre- and post-Emancipation. She is a retired elementary school educator, mother of two daughters, and grandmother of four beautiful granddaughters (and a granddog).

### **Crispus Attucks Leadership Award**



**Charles Holman, III** is the great-grandson of an enslaved person who in freedom became a civil rights leader and who in the 1870s became one of the first lawyers of color in his state. Since that time 150 years ago, civil rights has been a dedicated mission in Charles’ family as well as Charles’ personal calling. Charles’ civil rights career began in the NAACP where he served as a member of its National Board of Directors, founded its then leading college chapter at the University of Michigan and worked to expand its outreach to students across the nation. In the 1980s he was awarded its Juanita Jackson Mitchell Leadership Award as its most outstanding young leader in the country. Later, he worked to expand protections for women and minorities as a Trial Attorney at the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as a Senior Trial Attorney at the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice, and as an Assistant United States Attorney on the National Church Arson Task Force (NCATF) which prosecuted individuals for burning black churches in the South. His work at NCAFT brought him personal commendations from the US Attorney General and Director of the FBI. Since 2003 he has headed his own law firm which has obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars in redress for African Americans, native born Africans and others who have suffered discrimination on the job and in housing. In addition to his civil rights work, Charles is a genealogist in his spare time. He traces his interest in genealogy to 1968 where he was the only black student in the class and unable to share his family’s history. In 1973 he met the late Alex Haley and was inspired to learn volumes more about his ancestors dating back to Colonial America and beyond.

He has met dozens of descendants of those who enslaved his ancestors and even visited several sites and plantations where his ancestors were enslaved. This past winter he discovered and visited a former plantation where ancestors of Presidents Bush enslaved generations of Charles' ancestors including some who escaped to freedom in Canada and then returned to Kentucky to rescue other enslaved people. It is their spirit of courage and resistance to injustice that he channels into his civil rights work today.

### Harriet Tubman Leadership Award



**Debbie-Ann Paige** is a public historian specializing in local African American history, a co-president and founding member of the Richard B. Dickenson Staten Island Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), and a professional genealogist. She is a community history strategist that leads engaging public history forums exploring the historical aspects of race and race relations. She actively serves on various committees and projects, such as the strategic planning and program committees of AAHGS, the NY & NJ Middle Passage Port Markers Project steering committee, and the Narrative Change Subcommittee of the New Yorkers 4

Reparations Coalition. Additionally, she was appointed to the New York City Council task force that evaluates monuments and historical markers on city-owned property and is also a member of the Collections Committee for both the Staten Island Museum and Historic Richmondtown. Debbie-Ann has worked on numerous local history projects including: *Taking Care: The Black Angels of Sea View Hospital, the Access, Collaboration and Equity in Genealogy (ACEGen) initiative, Women of the Nation Arise!*, and *Farm to City*, with the Staten Island Museum; *In Pursuit of Freedom* with the Brooklyn Historical Society; and she established the “*Louis Napoleon House*” as a site with the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to freedom on behalf of the Sandy Ground Historical Society. She is the creator of the *Staten Island African American Heritage Tour App*, which is a digital trail of people and places significant to Black history on Staten Island. Debbie-Ann has showcased her skills as a historical interpreter on various acclaimed television programs such as Secrets of New York, WITF Toward Racial Justice: Tracing Family History, and PBS shows like Metrofocus: Juneteenth and Treasures of New York: Snug Harbor. Additionally, she has been featured as a guest on popular podcasts including Speak on It, Realty Check, Site Unseen, Talk Ain't Cheap, and All Things Considered. Debbie-Ann holds a BS in Business Studies from Southern New Hampshire University, and both a BA and MA in History from the College of Staten Island, CUNY. She is currently working towards a Doctor of Education in Community-Based Leadership at the College of Staten Island.

### Frederick Douglass Leadership Award



**LaJoy Mosby** currently serves as the National President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS). She also serves as the president of the Central Maryland Chapter of AAHGS. Ms. Mosby has been researching her ancestors from Alabama and Kentucky since the 1970s. In addition to AAHGS, Ms. Mosby is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Inc., a charter member of the African American Genealogy Group of Kentucky as well as a member of the Woodford County Historical Society, the Kentucky Genealogy Society, and the Alabama Genealogy Society. LaJoy is a recipient of the 2021 Paul Edward Sluby Sr. African

American Scholarship sponsored by the Board for the Certification of Genealogists. She has completed coursework at various genealogy institutes including MAGGI, SLIG, TIGR, IGHR, and GRIP. Mosby retired as the Deputy Project Manager of the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in 2018 after 23 years of service.

She is Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Bronze Villagers, a community organization devoted to improving the academic achievement of African American students in Howard County, Maryland. Ms. Mosby is an active member of The Peoples Community Baptist Church where she serves as Host Site Coordinator of Project SHARE, a food for community service program. She is a life member of the National Black MBA Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Mosby obtained a B.S. in Microbiology and an M.B.A. in Health Services Administration from Howard University.

## BOOK AWARDS



### **Historical-Event (Nonfiction)**

*The 272: The Families Who Were Enslaved and Sold to the American Catholic Church* by Rachel L. Swarns



### **Historical-Event (Nonfiction)**

*Florida's Negro War: Black Seminoles and the Second Seminole War 1835-1842* by Anthony E. Dixon



### **Historical-Memoirs, Biographies, Nonfiction**

*Say Anarcha: A Young Woman, A Devious Surgeon, and the Harrowing Birth of Modern Women's Health* by J. C. Hallman



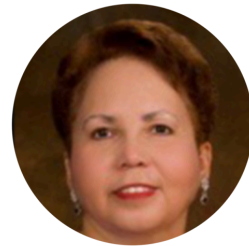
### **Historical-Memoirs, Biographies, Nonfiction**

*My Lord, He Calls Me: Stories of Faith by Black American Latter-Day Saints* by Alice Faulkner Burch (Editor)



### **Historical-Genealogical Research, Nonfiction**

*My Best Genealogy Tips: Finding Formerly Enslaved Ancestors* by Robin Foster



### **Children's Fiction (Ages 0-17)**

*Where Did We Come From: The Birth of Black America* by Dr. Marion T. Lane



**Historical-Family Stories**

*At the Feet of Elders: A Journey into a Lowcountry Family History* by Darius Brown



**Historical-Family Stories**

*You Promised to Do No Harm: A True Story of Love, Loss, and the Horror of Healthcare Disparity for One African-American Family* by Jonnie Ramsey Brown



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**John Edward James, Jr.**  
**Descendant of Abraham Brown**  
**Charles City, VA**



**Aziz M. Thabo**  
**Descendant of Louisa Hallburton**  
**Houston Co, Georgia**

# IN MEMORIAM

Ancestor Number	Last	First	Jurisdiction	Birth	Date
A0001	Grandison	Cuffe	Scituate, MA	1765	August 2, 1810
A0002	Brown	Abraham	Charles City, VA	c. 1737	June 17, 1790
A0003	Grandison	Flora	Scituate, MA	unknown	1825
A0004	Staton (Bynum)	Lucinda Merneva	Summit, Blout Co., AL	1827	unknown
A0005	Armstead	Doctor Ellis	Hawtree, NC	c. 1825	btwn 1910-1920
A0006	Haliburton	Louisa	Houston Co., GA	1844	unknown
A0006	Jolly (Haliburton)	Louisa	Houston, GA	1844	unknown
A0007	Anderson	Patsy [Patty]	Amite, MS	1811	unknown
A0008	Nickens	Amos II	Virgina	1756	November 1850
A0009	Garrett	Issac	Laurens Co, SC	1835	June 8, 1911
A0010	Best	Farebee "Fabbie"	Goldsboro, Wayne Co., NC	1838	unknown
A0011	Rembert	Jackson	Rembert Hall, SC	c. 1851	June 2, 1915
A0012	Dixon	Melendia	Richland Co, SC	c. 1830	July 14, 1915
A0013	Burch	George Taylor	Elbert Co, GA	1847	unknown
A0014	Grate	Frederick	Georgetown Co, SC	1831	unknown
A0015	Cornute	Tate	Grayson Co, VA	c. 1783	btwm 1858-1890
A0016	Kemp	Andrew	Edgefield Co, SC	January 1, 1830	unknown
A0017	Nixon	Charles	Burlington, NJ	c. 1823	unknown
A0018	Hopkins	Isabella	Warterloo, Louisiana	c. 1802	March 27, 1835
A0019	Vasser	George	Pleasant Hills, AL	1844	after 1910
A0020	Lewis	Richard ("Dick")	Washington Co, TN	1834	1909
A0021	Cansler	Appius	Monroe, TN	1803	unknown
A0022	Cornute	Rebecca	Grayson Co, VA	c. 1802	unknown
A0023	Baggs	Boston Porter	Liberty Co., Georgia	March 1845	c. 1920
A0024	Lassiter	Miles	Randolph Co., NC	1777	June 22, 1850
A0025	Green	Maria Farnell	Columbia Co., FL	1815	c. 1870-1880
A0026	Woodberry	Eugenia Caesar	Marion Co., SC	1848	August 28, 1937
A0027	Hatchett	Robert	Jackson Co., AR	1796	1868
A0028	Cornute	Mariah Wilson	Raleigh, NC	1846	unknown
A0029	Branch	Phillip	Wilkinson Co., MS	1796	1891
A0030	Taylor	Deland Moffett Ramsey	Clarke, MS	c.1830-40	1930
A0031	Thompson	Claiborne	Jefferson Co., MS	1819	after 1880
A0032	Neely	Alexander	Fairfield Co., SC	1842	after 1888
A0033	Fisher	Ellen Johnson Mathews	Wilkinson Co., MS	1843	unknown
A0034	Syphax	William	Arlington Co., VA	1773	unknown
A0035	McKinney	Thos	Cherokee Co., Spartanburg, SC	1824	unknown
A0036	Formerly	Albert	Richmond Co., VA	October 1844	unknown
A0037	Quander	John	Prince George Co, MD	unknown	
A0038	Mahoney	Robert	St. Mary's Co., MD	April 1795	after 1851
A0039	Fitzgerald	Stephen	Pittsylvania Co., VA	c. 1810-1816	February 1, 1894
A0040	Gray	Grace Montgomery	Saline Co., MO	1833	before December 1875

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A0041	Sellers	Eli	Dooly, GA		unknown
A0042	Brown	Charlotte	Charleston & York Cos. SC	c. 1840-1863	July 31, 1890
A0043	Williams	Otho	Boonsboro, Wash Co., MD	c. 1834	c. 1888
A0044	Hargrove	Ellen	Charleston & York Cos. SC	September 1840	September 27, 1931
A0045	Morgan	Peter G.	Virginia	1850s	unknown
A0046	Farnell	Sallie Jacobs	Alabama, Columbia CO., FL	c.1843-1845	c. 1906
A0047	Neely	Richard ("Dick")	Laurens Co., SC	1851-1852	1915
A0048	Brown	Solomon	Surry Co, NC&Wythe Co. VA	1815	unknown
A0049	Staton	Jack	Summit, Blout, AL	1816	unknown
A0050	Chaplin/ Edings	Thomas	Edisto Island&Paris Is, SC	1845	1913
A0051	Bustill	Cyrus	Burlington, NJ	1732	1806
A0052	McGilbray	Suitam (Suctam)	Alabama & Indian Terr.	before 1829	before 1902
A0053	McGilbray	Fanny	Alabama & Indian Terr.	before 1829	before 1902
A0054	Smitherman	Anderson	Randolph CO., NC	c. 1846	July 4, 1909
A0055	Perkins	Randle	Burke Co., GA	1847	c. 1928
A0056	Lytle Sr.	Frank	Randolph CO., NC	1773	c. 1869
A0057	Starr	Sarah	Cherokee Nation, IT	1850-1858	before 1930
A0058	Hazelwood	Richard ("Dick")	Virginia & Kentucky	1831-1865	before 1910
A0059	Booker Sr.	Charles Henry	Bolivar Co., MS	unknown-1865	1927
A0060	Hill	Jane Jennie Dashiell	ME	unknown	unknown
A0061	Fountain	Isaac	SCituate, MA	unknown	unknown
A0062	Yarborough, Sr.	Calvin	Louisburg, Franklin, NC	1839 or 1840	before 1910
A0063	Ray	Frances Jane Freeman	Morristown, NJ	unknown	1912
A0064		Margaret [Vail]	Morristown, NJ	unknown	unknown
A0065	Reese	Patsy	Lafourche, LA	1845	after 1880
A0066	Stewart	Daniel	Bertie County, NC	1846	1919
A0067	Smelly (Smiley)	Jim	Isle of Wight County, VA	1789	
A0068		Milly	Catawba, NC	1820	unknown
A0069	Dew (Due)	James	Queen Anne's Co. MD	1758	1832
A0070	Battle	Alfred	Edgecombe Co. NC	1834	after 1900
A0071	Battle	Esther	Edgecombe Co. NC	1842	1910
A0072	Battle	Richard	Edgecombe Co. NC	1859	
A0073	Swift	David	Caswell CO., NC	1835	
A0074	Christmas	Christopher Columbus	Warren, NC	1827	1919
A0075	McPherson	Joshua	Wilcox Co., AL	10 Aug 1818	30 Nov 1911
A0076	Tinnin	Henderson	Orange County, NC	1812	unknown
A0077	Russell	Arena	Hyde Co., NC	c. 1838	unknown
A0078	Hammond	Robert "Bob"	Marion Co., MS		
A0079	Fike	John "Jck"	Chatham Co., NC	1826	1900
A0080	Honora	Valsin	Assumption, LA	1830	1894
A0081	Fort	Thomas	Washington Co., GA	1851	unknown

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A0082	Simpo	Tasso	Edgefield Co., SC	c. 1790	unknown
A0083	Syphax	Maria Carter Custis	Arlington Co., VA	1802-1804	February 2, 1886
A0084	Weems	Chaney	Abbeville, AL	1818	unknown
A0085	Captain Andrew	Hill	Walton Co., GA	1856	March 30, 1916
A0086	Williams	Bennett	Decatur, GA	1820	unknown
A0087	Turner	Samantha	Troop Co., Ga; Claiborne Parish, LA	1843	after 1893
A0088	McCord-Hatter	Rebecca	Charles Town, Jefferson, VA	1825	1901
A0089	Hankinson	Butler	Barnwell, SC	1820	before 1880
A0090	Crawford	Jim	Lee Co., AL	1853	1940
A0091	Easterling	Sarah (Moore)	Bennettsville, Malboro, SC	unknown	unknown
A0092	Brand-Davis	Mildred Anne	Albemarle Co., VA	1816	1895
A0093	Welch	Harrison	Yazoo Co., MS	1846	1916
A0094	Thornton	William	Charlotte Co., VA	c. 1804	unknown
A0095	Braxton	Robbin	Hanover Co., VA	c. 1780	before 1870
A0096	Champion	James	Kershaw, SC and Marion, GA	1800	1870-1880
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A0097	Netter	Perry	Washington Co., MS	1783	February 5, 1837
A0098	Ross	Seaborn	Amite Co., MS	October 1853	
A0099	Brownrigg	Wtenty	Chowan Co., NC	1812	
A0100	Weathers	Judy	West Feliciana Parish, LA	1787	1854
A0101	Weathers	Leven	West Feliciana Parish, LA	1785	1835
A0102	Minor	Austin	Alabama	c. 1815	unknown
A0102	Minor	Austin	VA and MS	about 1815	UKN
A0103	Ragland	Clement	Halifax, Virginia	October 17, 1857	
A0104	Black	John	Warwick Co., Virginia	June 30, 1843	May 10, 1934
A0105	Jessup	Priscilla	Charleston & Abbeville Cos. SC	c. 1788	1861
A0106	Farnell	Randel	GA & FL	1814	October 16, 1862
A0107	Williams	Joshua W.	York, SC	1850	May 30, 1893
A0108	Cryer	Cornelia	Lafayette Co., AR	1841	after 1900
A0114	Purdie	Arias Ary Arie	Bladen, NC	May 1846	after 1915
A0115	Wilson	Robert	Williamsburg, SC	Dec 1839	unknown
A0116	Hairston	Ann	Franklin, VA	about 1840	UKN
A0117	Lake	Mary Jane	VA and MS	1830	15 Feb 1814
A0118	None	Jenny			
A0119	Hobson Sr.	Michael Ellison	Chickasaw, MS	15 July 1841	4 May 1924
A0129	Lloyd	Sancho	Natchez, Adams, MS	10 Dec 1845	25 Sept 1923
A0130	McQuarter	Philip	Woodville Wilkinson, MS	1843	6 May 1899
A0131	Littles	Seaborn	Macon, GA & Putnam FL	Mar 1840	7 May 1928
A0132	Backus Booker	Margaret	Beverly, Randolph. WV	Feb 1834	11 Apr 1915
A0133	Booker	Joseph	Beverly, WV & Mt Vernon OH	19 Sep 1855	9 Oct 1952
A0134	Backus	Edward	Beverly, Randolph. WV	1791	1870-1880
A0135	Arnwine	Edward	Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., TX	9Apr 1842	30 Jan1935
A0136	Sanders	Laboo	Sumter Co., SC	1839-1843	11 Oct 1918
A0137	Cabarrus	Freeman	Washington & Pasquotank Co	1845	15 Nov 1923
A0138	Cherry	Hilliard "Hill"	Bertie Co., NC	1849	1919
A109	Wheat	Joseph	Adair, KY	1816	January 14, 1875
A110	McLeod	Cary	Noxubee, MS	c. 1824	March 25, 1914
A111	Frank	Ephraim	St. Landry Par. LA	c. 1835	May 16, 1910
A112	Washington	Ned	Paulding, GA	February 10, 1825	May 30, 1918
A113	Lombardy	Titus	Hartford, CT	c. 1775	November 20, 1845

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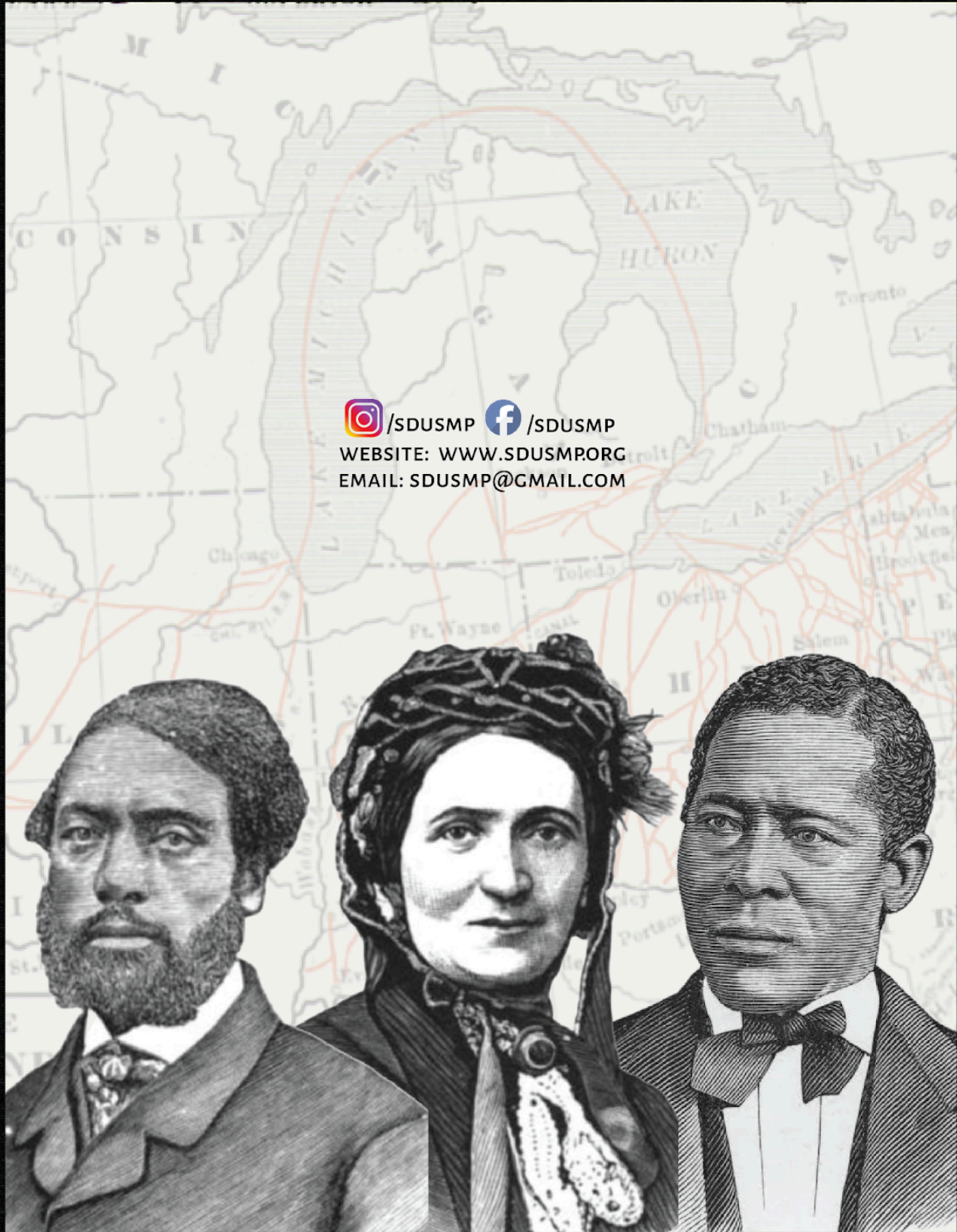
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