

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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Meeting Announcement

Saturday, December 9, 1989

12:00 Noon
at

Afro-American Historical Museum
1841 Kennedy Boulevard
Jersey City, N.J.

BUSINESS SESSION:

*Ratification of By-Laws -
Arnold E. Brown, By-Laws
Committee, Chr.

PROGRAM

"Traditions Brought from Africa-
Black Cemeteries" - Video Pre-
sentation, Theodore Brunson,
Director, Afro-American
Historical Museum.

REFRESHMENTS - HOSTS

Theodore Brunson
Odell Washington

Call Theodore Brunson for direc-
tions to meeting place:
(201) 547-5262.

NOVEMBER 1989 MEETING
FIRST-TIMERS WELCOMED!!!

LUCIUS BOWSER
~~Hamilton Bowser~~, So. Orange
Ellen Thorne Morris, Allenhurst

New Member - AAHGS:

Lenora W. McKay, Neptune

Guests and Potential
Members:

Leon Butler, Jersey City
Janice Jenkins, Jersey City
Anna Durham, Atlantic Highlands

NOTE YOUR CALENDAR

May 3- 5, 1990, Annual Conference
of Afro-American Historical and
Genealogical Society, Washington, DC
Let's take a big delegation from
NJAAHGS!

YOUR INVITATION

Jean Scott, Branch Establishment
Chairperson, will host a holi-
day Open House for her Genealogy
friends Saturday, 2 December 1989,
from 1:00 p.m. at her home, 323
Egmont Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. We
are asked to bring an AAHGS Auc-
tion gift. Directions by Train:
New Haven R.R.-Stamford Local to
Mt. Vernon. By Subway: either to
end of 241st St. or Dyre Ave.,
Bronx. By Car: Major Deegan to
Cross County Parkway, Exit 8 -
Columbus Ave. Turn right & South
about 7 lights to E. 4th St-Left
3 blocks to Egmont. Right to mid-
dle of block.

Lloyd E. Washington gave an over-
view of important research facili-
ties in the New Jersey - New York
area at the November meeting. In-
formation he provided on services
of the National Archives and Re-
cords Administration Branch in
Bayonne and the New Jersey Histor-
ical Society in Newark is included
in this newsletter. The January
1990 newsletter will include ser-
vices of the New York Public Libra-
ry and the Schomburg Center for
Research in Black Culture, NYC.

Glenn D. Cunningham brought numerous
books and pamphlets from his per-
sonal collection and discussed
what relevance they have for us
in our research. A bibliography
will be available for persons attend-
ing the December meeting. This
listing is a valuable resource to
anyone involved in African-American
genealogical research.

*PLEASE READ BY-LAWS COMPLETELY
PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 9TH MEETING.
THIS WILL FACILITATE THE RATIFI-
CATION PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY
MUCH. CALL BETTY JOHNSON
IF YOU NEED A COPY-(201) 875-4802.

FREE

NETWORKING WITH INDIANA AAHGS

Mr. Coy D. Robbins, President of the Indiana AAHGS, states in a recent letter to us:

"... please feel free to pass on my name and address to any of your members who may be running down family lines out here in Indiana. I am very familiar with the genealogical resources of the state (have memberships in both the Indiana Genealogical Society and the Indiana Historical Society).."

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ADVISING EVERYONE HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE HELP AND GUIDANCE MR. ROBBINS HAS GIVEN AS HE HAS SHARED HIS EXPERIENCES IN ORGANIZING THE INDIANA AAHGS.

For your Resource File:
Mr. Coy D. Robbins, President
Indiana African-American
Historical and Genealogical
Society
502 Clover Terrace
Bloomington, Indiana 47404-1809

FIELD TO FACTORY:
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MIGRATION -
1915-1940

EXHIBIT

On view through through December 23,
1989

at the
Hudson River Museum
of Westchester
511 Warburton Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10701
914/963-4550, Ext. 41

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AFRO-AMERICAN
HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE
New Jersey Chapter:

January 1 - December 31, 1990
\$25.00.....Individual

\$30.00.....Family (Spouse)

Please make check payable to
AAHGS and forward to:
Mrs. Odell Washington
18 Lindsley Avenue
Maplewood, N.J. 07040

DID YOU KNOW?

Compiled by Lloyd E. Washington

The formal education of Blacks in New Jersey began somewhat haphazardly in the late 18th century when masters were required by law to teach their slaves to read and write. By 1801 White-run schools for Blacks had opened in Salem, Burlington and Trenton. Another school, the Sabbath School for colored people in the Newark Academy, enrolled females as students 1819-21, teaching them to read the Bible. (Negro Almanac)

Thomas Mundy Peterson was the first Black to vote in the United States of America under the guarantees of the Fifteenth Amendment - Perth Amboy, New Jersey, March 31, 1870. (Negro Almanac)

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE WELCOMED. Please give to:

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