

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

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Meeting Announcement

THE NEW JERSEY CHAPTER AAHGS

will meet  
Saturday, February 10, 1990  
at 12:00 Noon  
at the  
Afro-American Historical  
Museum  
1841 Kennedy Boulevard  
Jersey City, N.J.

AGENDA

BUSINESS SESSION

PROGRAM:

Speaker-

Mrs. Ellen Thorne Morris  
will speak on results of a  
Project on Black Family  
Oral Research in Mon-  
mouth County. Mrs. Thorne  
also will briefly discuss  
computer genealogy.

Mrs. Thorne is a local his-  
torian, noted genealogist  
and author of By The Way-  
side: Indian and Black fam-  
ily History in Monmouth  
County.

EVERYONE INVITED - FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS!

Refreshments

NOTE: Officers and Committee  
Chairpersons - Preliminary  
meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
to discuss important busi-  
ness.

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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, Treas.  
18 Lindsley Ave., Maplewood, NJ  
07040

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following permanent officers  
were elected at the January meet-  
ing:

Elizabeth Peale Johnson, Pres.  
Theodore Brunson, V. Pres.  
Odell Washington, Treas.  
Theresa L. Thomas, Secy.

Committee Chairpersons Appointed:

Glenn D. Cunningham, Program  
Arnold E. Brown, By-Laws  
Lucius A. Bowser, Membership  
Odell Washington, Finance

Liaison with N.Y. Metropolitan  
Branch AAHGS:

Lloyd E. Washington

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New Members - January 1990-WELCOME

Amanda M. Edwards, Middletown, N.J.  
Bertha C. Heath, Middletown, N.J.

Guest and Potential Member -  
January 1990 Meeting:

Brister Daniels, Sr., Jersey City, N.J.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The NJAAHGS March 1990 meeting will  
be held Saturday, March 10, 1990, at  
Noon, at the Afro-American Histori-  
cal Museum, 1841 Kennedy Boulevard,  
Jersey City, N.J. Lloyd E. Washington,  
will relate his experiences and re-  
search techniques in tracing his  
family.

Please contact Program Chairman  
Glenn D. Cunningham if you would be  
willing to share your research at  
a future meeting (201) 433-3487, or  
see him at one of our meetings.

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NJAAHGS Local Dues were established  
to be \$12.00 annually per member at  
the January 1990 meeting to defray  
Chapter expenses. Make check payable  
to NJAAHGS and forward to Treasurer,  
Mrs. Odell Washington - See opposite

Under the leadership of Lucius A. Bowser, membership brochures have been designed, a press release has been prepared, and a vigorous campaign has been planned. Everyone will be expected to assist our Membership Chairman in recruiting new members for our organization. A plan of action will be presented at our February meeting.

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The NJAAHGS Executive Committee approved an idea suggested by our Secretary, Theresa L. Thomas, to give special support to new family researchers who join our organization. She says: "Prospective members really need to be 'hooked' on their research before we can really count on them as members. They need to see immediate results. As we all know, it doesn't take long before someone becomes a full-fledged genealogical nut!" With this in mind, she is compiling a packet of materials and suggests further that each new person should have the support of two persons: (1) someone who is familiar with whatever state the new member expects to start his or her research; and (2) another member who has the time and willingness to answer general questions and make recommendations. Volunteers who would like to help in this effort are asked to see Miss Thomas at the February meeting, or contact her at 279 Genesee Avenue, Englewood, N.J. 07631.

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Lloyd E. Washington, our Liaison between the New Jersey and New York Chapters of AAHGS asks: "Are you interested in working on a History booklet on the subject "Black People in New Jersey?" He thinks it would be great if our Chapter could put out a booklet by January 1992 and is willing to coordinate the project. Research subjects could be the Black Church, Slave History, Family History, Black Schools, Blacks in the Military, Blacks in Law Enforcement and any other subjects of interest to our members. This could be a fund raising project for 1992. It could be sold to other chapters, family and friends. Think it over. Bring your ideas to our next meeting. What topic would you be willing to research? Mr. Washington can also be contacted at 18 Lindsley Avenue, Maplewood, N.J. 07040.

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Theodore Brunson, NJAAHGS Vice-President, is in charge of making arrangements for our April meeting to be held at the Archives in Bayonne. This will be a great experience for our new researchers! Everyone should plan to attend. Details later.

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Arnold E. Brown, By-Laws Chairman, conducted the discussion and led us through each Article of the By-Laws at our January meeting. The By-Laws were adopted, and a copy will be available to each new member who joins our organization, -NJAAHGS.

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NEW JERSEY CHAPTER, AAHGS SURNAME

RESEARCH

Theresa L. Thomas  
279 Genesee Avenue  
Englewood, N.J. 07631

FINDLEY- KENDALL, RICKMAN, Ohio, Va.  
WEBSTER- PILCHER, RADER, Ky. Va., Ohio  
THOMAS-MANNING, SADLER, Tex., Okla.

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Please submit Newsletter items to Betty Peale Johnson, R.D. 1, Box 638, Sussex, N.J. 07461, (201) 875-4802, by the 15th of each Month.

ANNUAL AAHGS CONFERENCE

1990 CONFERENCE - THEME: Exploring the Past to Appreciate the Future

Some of our officers, committee chairpersons and members are planning to attend the conference which will be held in Washington, D. C. May 3-5, 1990. Why don't you plan to join us? Conference speakers will include James D. Walker, AAHGS Founder and past president; Charles Blockson, author of Black Genealogy; and David Streets, author of Slave Genealogy; as well as many other noted individuals. There will be sessions on organizing family reunions, collecting Black memorabilia, techniques and resources for Caribbean family history, Black military history, tracing Indian ancestry in the Southeast, and many others. Our friend, Coy Robbins from Indiana, will lead a don't-miss Chapters round-table on Thursday morning. They all look great! Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear these outstanding leaders.

Registration material will be mailed this month - February. For those who register by the Conference cut-off date, the registration fee will be \$45.00-Members; \$55.00 Non-Members. After the Cut-off date, \$55.00 members; \$65.00 Non-Members. Other costs will cover Meet the Authors Luncheon \$16.50 and Banquet \$35.00, both on Friday, May 4th; and Meet the Authors Luncheon, \$16.50, on Saturday, May 5th.

In addition to the above events, there will be vendors and exhibits, and same day audio tapes will be available.

The auction to raise funds for the benefit of the 1990 student internship program will be held Thursday evening, May 3rd.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING AN ITEM OR ITEMS TO THE NJAAHGS meeting on February 10th for the auction. Through our efforts a student will have the opportunity to work under professional guidance at a leading museum, archival or academic institution in his or her field of research.

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Suggestions of Auction Items

**A. Gifts:**

**Art Treasures** - sculpture, paintings, prints, batiks.

**Books, Music** - books, recordings, scores, autographed items, musical instruments, manuscripts, old letters, photos ..

**Collectibles** - toys, coins, china, jewelry, Africana, Black Americana.

**Folk Crafts** - handmade quilts, needlework, dolls.

**Recreation** - gift certificates for vacations, bed and breakfast in your home for a researcher, a dinner at a restaurant.

**B. Genealogical services** - Offer to do research for 5 to 20 hours in your geographic area, computer work, editing

**Note:** This could be our biggest money-maker.

**C. Advertising** - for our catalog (See Advertising and Gift Form)

**Your business**

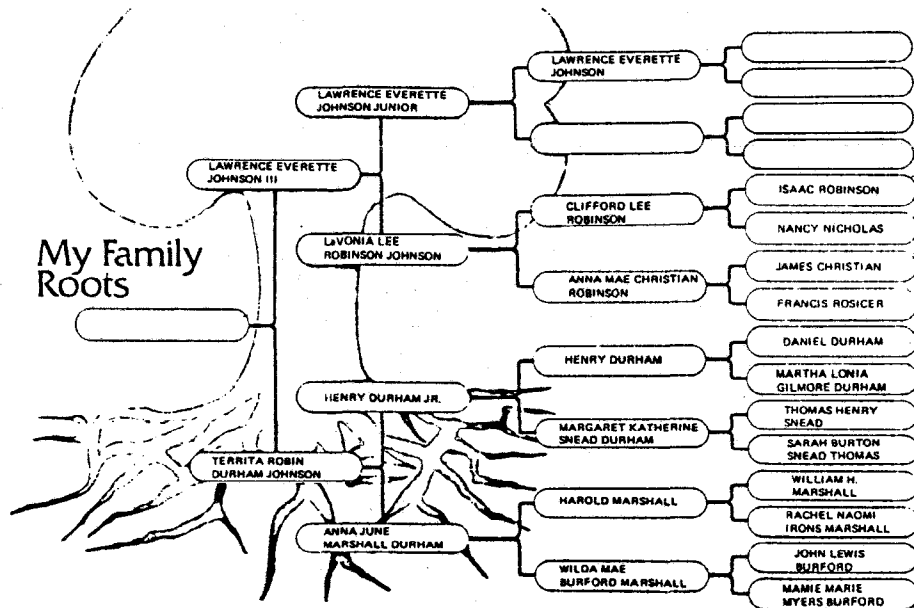
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UNIQUE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

TIFFANY  
August 2, 1982  
10:30 A.M.



DANENNE  
Weight 6 lbs. 13 oz.  
Length 18 3/4"



We thank member Anna Durham for contributing the above birth announcement for our newsletter. Tiffany is fortunate in getting a head start on her family history!

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AFRO-AMERICAN CULTURAL CALENDAR

January 15-April 15, 1990 - Exhibition -Against The Odds:African-American Artists and the Harmon Foundation. 1920's to 1930's works of Black artists. At the Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., Newark, N.J. 07101, (201) 596-6550.

February 4- March 4, 1990 -Exhibition to mark African Heritage Month - "Black Women Achievements Against the Odds," at the Paterson Museum, 2 Market St., Paterson, N.J. Achievements of 120 Afro-American women over a span of 200 years in 16 subject areas.(201) 881-3874.

March 1, 1990 - Friends of the Afro-American Historical Museum in Jersey City Cordially Invites you to attend a Dinner Book Party, an evening with Jean Byrd Stewart, Author and Publisher of Service on the Wings of Love. This tells of her adventures as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines during the Philippine Revolution. The Book Party will be held at Grandma's Restaurant, 700 Route 440, Jersey City. Donation \$25.00 per person. RSVP by February 17 - Ethel Martin at the Museum (201) 547-5262 or Shirley Watson, Chairperson (201) 433-3332.

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For North Carolina researchers: North Carolina Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 26785, Raleigh, NC 27611-6785, for membership and Journal.