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NJ-AAHGS will hold its first meeting of the New Year Saturday, January 8, 1994, at Noon at the Afro-American Historical Society Museum, 1841 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ.

10:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet.

12 Noon - Refreshments - Bring brown bag lunch. Beverage will be provided.

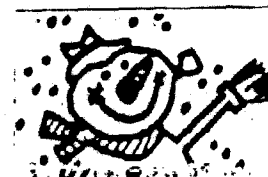
PROGRAM:

THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN -
Video: The Great Ones -
General Daniel "Chappie"
James, Jr.

Presenter:

Colonel Robert L. King,
USAF (R)
Coordinator of Aerospace
Programs, Newark Board
of Education (R)

NOTE: Due to fiscal cutbacks affecting the Library staffing, the Greenville Library closes from 1 to 2 pm for lunch period. If the door is locked, please call the Museum at 547-5262 from the telephone in front of the Library. Someone will come down and admit you.



In the event of winter storms, each member is asked to take responsibility for calling your County representative by 9 a.m. for information regarding meeting cancellations. Following are the County representatives and their telephone numbers:

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From the President
By Lloyd E. Washington

I would like to thank all of the members who came out in the bad weather to our Christmas meeting on Saturday, December 11, 1993. A good time was had by all. I would also like to thank all of the members for their contributions to the buffet luncheon.

Our Program Chairman, Carolyn Whitley, has prepared a wonderful program of activities for the first half year of 1994. I hope you will all plan to attend and to encourage family members and friends to come with you.

I wish for all of you and your families a very happy, healthy New Year and great success in your family history pursuits.

The Edwards-McCollum Family
Reunion
By Amanda Edwards

The Edwards-McCollum family reunion was held in Douglas, Georgia, on July 31 and August 1, 1993. Approximately 33 family members, friends and extended family attended from Georgia, Florida, New Jersey, Tennessee and Michigan.

At one time the Edwards family owned over 300 acres in the Douglas-Broxton area of Georgia in Coffee County. There was a school, church and cemetery on this property.

The high point of the trip for me was a visit to the old

family cemetery. My late husband's paternal grandparents are buried there. The cemetery was fenced in a few years ago by one of the relatives. To my surprise, this same family member is continuing to work in the cemetery, whitewashing and installing new headstones, and visiting the local library where the deed for the cemetery and the school were found.

THOMAS B. McCOLLUM EDWARDS, my late husband's grandfather, was the first EDWARDS. He chose EDWARDS as the family name and dropped the slave-name of McCollum. He migrated to Georgia from Cherow, South Carolina. He had a brother who could not be located at the time of the name change; thus some of the family members have the surname EDWARDS and others the surname McCOLLUM.

JERSEY HERITAGE JOURNAL

A meeting of the Editorial Board of the Jersey Heritage Journal will be held Thursday, January 6, 1994, at 10 a.m. at the Afro-American Historical Society Museum.

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY
Little Ferry, NJ

The Bergen Record (Nov. 20, 1993) announced that the State Review Board of Historic Sites approved the nomination of Gethsemane Cemetery for listing on the State and National Registers. A majority of the deceased buried there were African-Americans.



CAROLYN WHITLEY, Program Chairperson of the New Jersey Chapter, Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., announces the following programs for meetings scheduled in 1994. All meetings begin at 12 Noon.

Saturday, January 8, 1994

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Coordinator of Aerospace Programs

Newark Board of Education (R)

Saturday, February 12, 1994

REMEMBERING THE ANCESTORS - CREATING A NATIONAL MEMORIAL
TO COMMEMORATE THE AFRICAN HOLOCAUST & DIASPORA

Presenters - National Memorial Foundation

Lawrence Hamm

Rosalind Carmichael

Saturday, March 12, 1994

FAMILY HISTORY DAY "TRACING THE ROOTS OF AFRICAN
AMERICANS"

Centennial Hall, Newark Public
Library

Presenters: Membership of NJ-AAHGS, Representatives of
Newark Public Library and New Jersey
Historical Society

Mini Workshop: Planning a Family Reunion

Exhibits: Family History Boards

Family Photographs

Saturday, April 9, 1994

"TELLING OUR STORY THROUGH ART"

Presenters: Ms. Gladys Grauer, Artist,

A contemporary of Jacob Lawrence

Theodore Brunson, Executive Director
Afro-American Historical Society Museum,
"Quilts as an Art Form"

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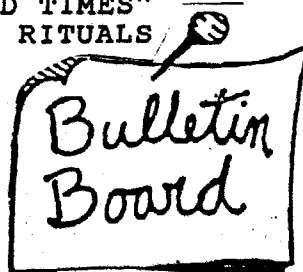
Saturday, May 14, 1994

"ROUTES OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE - HOMELAND TO SLAVE PORTS"
(Dispersment of Africans in North America)

Presenter: Dr. Lenworth Gunther, Professor,
Essex County College and Rutgers University

Saturday, June 11, 1994

"TRIBULATIONS AND GOOD TIMES"
CULTURAL CUSTOMS AND RITUALS



January 15, 1994 - The Jean Sampson Scott Greater New York Chapter AAHGS will sponsor speaker, Charles Blockson, "The Underground Railroad and More!" 1-3 pm at the Countee Cullen Regional Branch of the New York Public Library, 104 West 136th St. (at Malcolm X Boulevard) Manhattan. Mr. Blockson is the author of Black Genealogy.

January 20, 1994 - Fifth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at Gilligan Student Union, Jersey City State College, 7:30 am - 9:30 am. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Samuel Proctor, "Afrocentric Influences on Dr. King's Leadership and Vision." Reservations \$10.00. Call (201) 200-2083 or 200-3524 for further details.

January 22 - 30, 1994 - African American History Celebration sponsored by the

Monmouth County Park System and the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities. Opening reception Saturday, Jan. 22 - Lecturer, William Katz, "Black Indians: The Hidden Connection." Sunday, Jan. 30, 3-4 p.m., a performance for the family, "Freedom's Journey" for grades 1 - 8

February 15, 1994 - Glenn D. Cunningham will speak on "Black Seminoles: A Shared Heritage" from 11 am- 1 pm for the Jersey City State College Hagan Africana Studies Centre, in the Gilligan Student Union Building, Room 311-A. Call (201) 200-3524 for further information.

February 19, 1994 - Glenn D. Cunningham will speak on "Hidden Footprints: The History of the Black Church in Jersey City" at 7 p.m. for the Stewards of Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.



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(The following is the continuation of
"Names of Coloured Members of the
Princeton Presbyterian Church"
contributed by R. Boulton Dickenson,
Historian of the Borough of Staten Island, N.Y. and
New Jersey Chapter Member)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
75.	Crechie ROBERTS	Dec. 1845
76.	Ann LITTLE	
77.	James TITUS (s) (Smith)	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
78.	Phillis NEVIUS	Do
79.	Charlotte MURRAY	
80.	Samuel SCUDDER	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
81.	Lewis STRYKER	Dism. 1844
82.	Julia MOORS (?)	Suspended 1843
83.	Eliza VAN DYKE	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
84.	Edward ERWIN	Do
85.	Betty MANNERS	Dism. 22 Mar. 1846 to Baptist Church, New York
86.	Charles BICKNER	Dec. 1845
87.	Jemina BICKNER	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
88.	Caroline E. SALTER	Do
89.	Caroline STRYKER	Dec. 19th Mar. 1844
90.	Bina CENTURION	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
91.	Jeffrey HAMPTON	Do
92.	Spencer HENRY	
93.	Mary Ann HENRY	

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

AMANDA EDWARDS recently accepted membership on the African-American Heritage Program Advisory Committee of Brookdale Community College (Monmouth County).

WALTER DEAN MYERS of Jersey City is the author of a new book entitled Brown Angels - An Album of Pictures and Verse, which is the subject of an exhibition at the Newark Public Library through January 8, 1994. The book is published by HarperCollins Children's Books(\$16) and is available through area bookstores, or by calling 1-800-242-7737. Mr. Myers has written more than 15 books and has been the recipient of a number of awards. (The Star-Ledger, pp 41, 46, December 7, 1993).

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Genealogical Resources at the
NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES

Vital Records

- Original vital statistics registers, 1848-1878
- Department of Health records on film, 1878-1923/1940
- Pre-1848 sources: Black birth books, beginning 1804; county marriage records, beginning 1795; colonial marriage bonds, 1711-1795; divorces, 1743-1850

Census Records

- Federal censuses, 1830-1910
- State censuses, 1855-1915

Tax Ratables, 1773-1822

Land Records

- Colonial deeds, 1664-1800
- Miscellaneous sources: Supreme Court lost deeds; original deed collections; county loan office records
- County mortgages on film, beginning 1766
- County deeds on film, beginning 1785

Probate Records, 1600s-1900

Military Records, Colonial Wars to World War I

- Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War
- Post-Civil War records

Naturalizations

- Legislative acts
- Supreme Court naturalizations
- Chancery Court naturalizations
- County naturalizations and declarations of intention on film to 1906

Court Records

- Supreme Court
- Chancery Court

County Records

- GSU microfilmed records
- Original materials

Miscellaneous Collections

- Inquisitions on the dead, 1688-1798
- Insolvent debtors' petitions, 1747-1818
- Newspapers on microfilm