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ANNOUNCEMENT

A GENEALOGY WORKSHOP AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, NORTHEAST
REGION, BLDG. 22, MILITARY OCEAN TERMINAL, BAYONNE, NJ
WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1991 FROM 9:30 AM TO
3:15 PM.

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WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FREE WORKSHOP.
THE ARCHIVES WILL BE OPEN FOR AAHGS MEMBERS AND REGISTERED
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MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO:
AAHGS WORKSHOP
% L. WASHINGTON
18 LINDSLEY AVENUE
MAPLEWOOD, NJ 07040

REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT

YES I WILL ATTEND _____ AAHGS MEMBER YES/NO _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

BRING PENCILS (NO PENS), PADS, NAMES, CENSUS YEARS OF THE
PEOPLE YOU WANT TO RESEARCH.

INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS PACKS WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT
OF REGISTRATION FORM. MAIL EARLY, LIMITED SPACE.

STATE	SPECIAL 1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880
ALASKAN TERR.	X									
ALABAMA			X	X	X	X	X			
ARIZONA	X							X	X	X
ARKANSAS	X					X	X	X		
CALIFORNIA							X	X		
COLORADO									X	X
CONNECTICUT		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
DELAWARE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DIST. COLUMBIA			X	X	X	X	X	X		
FLORIDA						X	X	X	X	
GEORGIA	X				X	X	X	X		
IDAHO	X									
ILLINOIS	X					X	X	X	* X	
INDIANA					X	X	X	X		
IOWA	X						X	X		
KANSAS	X								X	
KENTUCKY				X	X	X	X	X		
LOUISIANA	X			X	X	X	X	X		
MAINE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MARYLAND		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MASSACHUSETTS		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MICHIGAN	X					X	X	X		
MINNESOTA							X	X	X	X
MISSISSIPPI	X				X	X	X	X		
MISSOURI						X	X	X		
MONTANA									X	X
NEBRASKA	X								X	
NEVADA	X									X
NEW HAMPSHIRE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
NEW JERSEY	X					X	X	X	X	
NEW MEXICO	X							X		
NEW YORK		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NORTH CAROLINA		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
NORTH DAKOTA									X	X
OHIO	X					X	X	X		
OKLAHOMA										
OREGON								X		
PENNSYLVANIA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	* X	
RHODE ISLAND		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SOUTH CAROLINA		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SOUTH DAKOTA									X	X
TENNESSEE					X	X	X	X	X	
TEXAS	X							X		
UTAH								X	X	
VERMONT		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VIRGINIA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
WASHINGTON								X	X	X
WISCONSIN	X							X	X	X
WYOMING									X	X

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New York State, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and The Virgin Islands Census on
film (1790-1910)

Printed Census indices most States

1910, 1900, 1880 Soundex Indices

1910 Census enumeration district descriptions

1850-1880 Federal Mortality Census Schedules

Records of the Veterans Administration such as Schedules enumerating Union
Veterans and Widows of the Civil War -1890, Revolutionary War Pension and
Bounty Land and Warrent application files

War Dept collection of Revolutionary War records of the Adjutant General Office

Records of the Bureau of the Customs

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service

This field branch office serves New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the
Virgin Islands. They do have some records from other States, but very little.
This office is one of eleven throughout the country.

The work space is small but they do have a large number of records stored
there. One of the best things about it is that you can pull your own microfilm
from the cabinets. There is someone on the premises to help you with questions
and to inform you of what records are available.

FILM RECORDS AT BAYONNE ARCHIVES

FILM CENSUS RECORDS 1790-1910 MOST STATES
PRINTED INDEXES CENSUS-MOST YEARS AND STATES
RECORDS OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
RECORDS OF ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS
RECORDS OF THE WAR DEPT - COLLECTION REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS
SOUNDEX/MIRACODE INDEXES
1850-1880 FEDERAL MORTALITY CENSUS SCHEDULES
CENSUS ENUMERATION DISTRICT DESCRIPTIONS 1900-1910

ONLY FILM RECORDS AND CENSUS INDEX BOOKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS DAY

DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING THIS BRANCH

The entrance to the Military Ocean Terminal (MOTBY) is located at the foot of East 32nd Street in Bayonne, a city just south of Jersey City and 7 miles southwest of Manhattan.

BY AUTOMOBILE

From NEW JERSEY

The Military Ocean Terminal is about 2 miles from the New Jersey Turnpike Exit 14-A Bayonne. On leaving the exit stay to the left and take avenue E to 32nd street, turn left, cross bridge, turn left, and follow road to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

The Military Ocean Terminal may also be reached via routes 1 and 9, 440 south, and 169 south.

From MANHATTAN VIA HOLLAND TUNNEL

Follow signs to New Jersey Turnpike. Take Turnpike to Exit 14A-Bayonne. On leaving the exit stay to the left and take avenue E to 32nd street, turn left, cross bridge, turn left, and follow road to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

From MANHATTAN VIA GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

Follow Interstate 95 to New Jersey Turnpike, Proceed south on Turnpike to exit 14A-Bayonne. On leaving the exit stay to the left and take avenue E to 32nd street, turn left, cross bridge, turn, and follow road to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

From BROOKLYN VIA VERRAZANO NARROWS BRIDGE

Follow signs to New Jersey. Take Staten Island Expressway to Bayonne Bridge exit, follow Willowbrook Expressway and cross Bayonne, Bridge. Proceed along Kennedy Boulevard to 32nd street, turn right and continue to Avenue E, cross bridge, turn left, and follow road to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY BUS

From NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Take a bus from Penn Station to Exchange Place in Jersey City, at Exchange Place, take bus to 32nd street and avenue C, Bayonne, cross avenue C, walk east on 32nd street to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

From JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

Take bus from Journal Square bus terminal to 32nd street and Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne, cross Kennedy Boulevard, walk east on 32nd street to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal. Or take a bus from Exchange Place to 32nd street and Avenue C, Bayonne, cross avenue C, walk east on 32nd street to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

From NEW YORK CITY

At Port Authority Bus Terminal, 41st Street and 8th avenue, take a bus to 32nd street and Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne. Cross Kennedy Boulevard, walk east on 32nd street to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY TRAIN

From NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Take a PATH train from Penn Station to Journal Square in Jersey City. At Journal Square bus terminal, take a bus to 32nd street and Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne. Cross Kennedy Boulevard, walk east on 32nd street to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

From NEW YORK CITY

Take a PATH train from 33rd, 23rd, 14th, 9th or Christopher Street, or the World Trade Center, to Journal Square in Jersey City. At Journal Square bus Terminal, take a bus to 32nd street Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne. Cross Kennedy Boulevard, walk east on 32nd street to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

BY AIRPLANE

From NEWARK AIRPORT NEW JERSEY

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 14A-Bayonne. On leaving the exit stay left and take avenue E to 32nd street, turn left, cross bridge, turn left, and follow road to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

From KENNEDY AIRPORT NEW YORK

Take the Belt Parkway towards the Verrazano Narrows Bridge/New Jersey/Staten Island. Go over the Verrazano Bridge follow signs to New Jersey. Take Staten Island Expressway to Bayonne Bridge exit, follow Willowbrook Expressway and cross Bayonne Bridge. Proceed along Kennedy Boulevard to 32nd Street, turn right and continue to Avenue E, cross bridge, turn left, and follow road to main gate of Military Ocean Terminal.

1991 AAHGS CONFERENCE - A REWARDING EXPERIENCE!!

New Jersey Chapter members who travelled to Washington, D. C. for the 1991 Annual Conference May 2 - 4 packed as much activity as humanly possible into twenty-four hours of each day. Among those attending were Kay Amory-Moshier (Kay is also President of the Westchester County African-American Historical Society, Westchester County, N.Y.); Lucius A. Bowser, Lisa Crawley, Glenn D. Cunningham, R. Boulton Dickenson, Amanda M. Edwards, Carlos R. Edwards, Bernice B. Jackson, Elizabeth P. Johnson, Ellen Thorne Morris, Lloyd Washington and Odell Washington.

Some of us arrived at the Holiday Inn Capitol on Wednesday, May 1, and gathered in the dining room for a pre-conference supper and get-together with other Chapter representatives and conference participants.

The theme- "Connections: Global Dimensions of the Black Experience," was emphasized in planning the program sessions. New Jersey Chapter members who served in various capacities were Lisa Crawley and Kay Amory-Moshier as conveners, Elizabeth P. Johnson as coordinator with Antonia C. Martin of the Chapters Round Table, Ellen Thorne Morris as replacement for an author at one of the Authors' Luncheons with her Monmouth County publications, and R. Boulton Dickenson who spoke at a session on May 2 on "Genealogical Connections to African Alley/Guinea Lane 'Reminiscences' of the 19th Century- Princeton, N.J."

We learned of the formation of four new Chapters:--Western Pennsylvania, Houston, Texas; Washington, D. C. Capitol; and Patricia Liddell Researchers--Chicago.

There were also in attendance representatives of Chapters in the making:-- Cincinnati, Ohio; Central Florida; and Oakland, California.

NJ-AAHGS members were pleased to meet our new President, Fath Davis Ruffins, and to hear her discuss the state of AAHGS at the plenary session on May 2.

Perhaps the most frustrating experience occurred when we finally had to make choices between sessions which were scheduled at the same time. However, the knowledge that we could purchase tapes of all the sessions alleviated some anxiety in making decisions.

The dramatic performance at the Banquet, attendance at the Authors' Luncheons and the possibility of autographed copies of their books, networking with old friends and new acquaintances, and the joy of browsing among the vendors' displays of African art, books and jewelry all contributed to a worthwhile conference. Congratulations to Barbara Walker and Dean Harry Matthews and their planning committee for a well-organized and productive conference!

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(PLEASE FORWARD ALL ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY THE 15th of the Month to:

Elizabeth Peale Johnson, 124 Mt. Salem Road, Wantage, N.J. 07461)

CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the passing of the brother of Bertha C. Heath in April.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Carlos R. Edwards, Amanda M. Edwards and Lisa Crawley will make a Nominating Committee report on June 8th at the National Archives in Bayonne. This Committee has been working diligently to prepare a slate of officers for our upcoming election.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our current membership campaign under the leadership of Lucius A. Bowser will conclude June 15th. Last chance to renew and bring in new members. Prize of a useful genealogical resource publication will be awarded to the person bringing in the highest number of members!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MAY 18 - The Westchester County African American History Conference, 9 am to 4:30 pm, at the Westchester County Records and Archives center, 2199 Saw Mill River Road, (9A South) Elmsford, NY 10523. Box Lunch \$8.00-Free Parking- Call (914) 592-1925, (914) 737-2606, or (914) 946-8159. Lloyd E. Washington will participate in a Round Table Discussion. Notable speakers, exhibit, African-American Book Sale, and other events.

June 1 - Afro-American Historical Society Museum Annual Luncheon at the Hi-Hat Caterers, Bayonne, N.J. - to benefit the Museum. For details and reservations call (201) 547-5262. Reservations \$35.00 each.

June 22 - Spring Conference for Genealogists at the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, 7th and Arch Sts., Phila., Pa. 19106. Pick up reservation form at the June 8th NJ-AAHGS meeting at the Archives, or call Betty P. Johnson for reservation form (201) 875-4802. \$15.00 per person includes conference sessions, continental breakfast, lunch, reception and museum tour.

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African American Genealogy Group at the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum of Philadelphia and the New Jersey and New York Chapters of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.

Sept. - NJ-AAHGS Beginners' Genealogy Workshop.

Oct. - NJ-AAHGS Annual Meeting and Program - Speaker, Prof. Clement Price, Rutgers University.

NJ-AAHGS APRIL 1991 MEETING

A double treat was in store for those who attended the April 1991 NJ-AAHGS meeting. Billy Pruitt detailed activities associated with organizing a family reunion, including naming of coordinators of the planning committee, selection of the reunion site, dealing with hotels and other facilities regarding housing and meals, and selection of activities to take place at a reunion. This was a "how-to" presentation which stressed positive aspects as well as problems which may be encountered in planning a family reunion.

The second half of the program was given by Richard B. Dickenson, President of the Jackson Cousins Family Association, and other family members present. A large contingent of Jackson Family members and descendants was on hand. At the outset, Mr. Dickenson provided information on the origin of the Jackson family from the Jackson brothers, Thomas and John. They obtained their freedom from slavery in Jersey City in the 1820's using the surname Vreeland, later changing their name to Jackson in 1831 upon purchasing a six-acre farm. Guy Washington then spoke about his great-grandmother, Mary (Bolling) Jackson and her involvement with the Order of the Tents, and was followed by Cliff Jackson who talked about his grandfather, Augustus Jackson, and Cliff's father, Bert Jackson, Jr. Shirley (Watkins) Washington spoke about her Aunt Viola (Jackson) Dore, and the final speaker, Bert Jackson concluded with the hopes and plans for future endeavors of the Jackson Cousins Association. As a finale, NJ-AAHGS was happy to receive a donation from this fledgling Family Association to further its work in genealogical and historical projects. Thanks to the Jackson family members