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NEWSLETTER

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## Meeting

NJ-AAHGS will meet Saturday, March 12, 1994, at Noon at the Afro-American Historical Society Museum, 1841 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, N. J.

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

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

Some of us have not seen each other since December 1993 due to the cancellation of our January and February meetings. Come out, be brought up to date with plans for the Chapter Journal, plans to attend the annual conference in Washington, D. C. and other interesting news. To date we know of twelve Chapter members who will be attending the annual conference. Let's meet for breakfast in Washington as we usually do. Also, let us know when you plan to arrive - we can meet for Dutch treat dinner.

**NOTE:** Please call the Museum from the telephone in front of the building (547-5262) if the door is locked. Someone will come down and admit you.



MARCH is an unpredictable month weather-wise. We refuse to believe that we will have to cancel the March 12th meeting due to snow and ice. However, in order to be prepared, we are listing again the following County representatives and their telephone numbers. Chapter members are asked to take responsibility of calling his/her County representative by 9 a.m. the day of the meeting for information regarding cancellations:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME AND TELEPHONE</u>
Hudson	-Glenn D. Cunningham (201) 433-3487
Essex	-Lloyd E. Washington (201) 763-4949
Bergen	-Bernice C. Jackson (201) 837-0642
Middlesex	-Carlos Edwards (908) 906-6327
Monmouth	-Amanda Edwards (908) 671-1216
Mercer	-Lucius A. Bowser (201) 763-5868
Passaic	-Lillian Page (201) 916-0114
Union	-Lisa Crawley (908) 352-8015

(Feel free to call another County representative if yours is not available).

From the President  
By Lloyd E. Washington

The winter of '93/'94 will be remembered for the snow and ice storms that created havoc all over our area. We were forced to cancel our January and February meetings due to the bad weather. However, many of our chapter members have been very busy. The Journal Committee has been working hard on the second issue of the Jersey Heritage. I am sure you will be happy with the issue. I hope all of you have sent in your family ads by now. We need your support.

The weather has also caused alterations in our program of events. The genealogy workshop scheduled for March 12, 1994, has been postponed. Announcement will be made at a later date concerning the rescheduling of this program.

Our next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 12, 1994, at 12 noon at the Afro-American Historical Society Museum as usual. This is a very important meeting, and I hope you will all plan to attend. Urgent business will be discussed owing to the cancellation of the January and February meetings.

Congratulations to the following AAHGS-NEW JERSEY members:

Janice Jenkins gave a one-woman presentation of the life of Jessie Redmon Fauset at the New Jersey Historical Society on February 19, 1994. The program

was a joint venture of AAHGS-NEW JERSEY and the New Jersey Historical Society.

Glenn Cunningham spoke at Jersey City State College on the "Black Seminoles-A Shared Heritage." He also spoke at Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church on "The History of the Black Church in Jersey City."

Lucius Bowser conducted a "How to Begin" seminar at the Elmwood Presbyterian Church, East Orange, N. J. and at the Newark Federal Building for the Drug Enforcement Bureau of the State of New Jersey.

Well done, Janice, Glenn and Lucius.

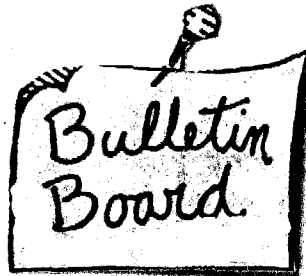
You too can be a part of the speakers' bureau. Help is always welcomed.

It is important that you make plans now for the AAHGS Annual Conference, April 29 - May 1, 1994, in Washington, D. C. More information at the March meeting. Hope the weather cooperates on March 12, 1994.

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Note: Please contact Lloyd E. Washington if you did not receive the recent newsletter from the national office with registration information for the conference (201) 763-4949. Do this as soon as possible as there are deadlines for making hotel reservations and conference registrations.

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February 18 - April 20, 1994

"Reclaiming Our Past, Honoring Our Ancestors"- Exhibit commemorating New York's African Burial Ground at the Municipal Art Society's Urban Center, 457 Madison Avenue, New York City.

March 18 - 20, 1994 -

Conference "African-American Family Reunions: Much More Than a Picnic," at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Call 215 204-6244 for information.

March 19, 1994 - Jean Sampson

Scott Greater New York Chapter AAHGS will meet at the Countee Cullen Branch Library, 104 W. 136th St., (At Malcolm X Blvd.) Manhattan. Genealogy - Member Sharing.

March 19, 1994 - 10 a.m.

The Genealogy Club of the New Jersey Historical Society will meet at 230 Broadway, Newark, N. J. Speaker: Kathryn Davitt, "Video-taping Your Family History." Entrance and parking at the rear. Call (201) 483-3939 for further information.

April 9, 1994 - The New Jersey Chapter will meet at 12 Noon at the Afro-American Historical Society Museum,

1841 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, N. J. Program: "Telling Our Story Through Art." Presenters: Gladys Grauer, Artist, a contemporary of Jacob Lawrence; and Theodore Brunson, Director of the Afro-American Historical Society Museum, who will discuss quilts as an art form.

April 16, 1994 - The Jean Sampson Scott Greater New York Chapter AAHGS will sponsor a Harlem Walking Tour conducted by Dr. Sherrill Wilson, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

April 16, 1994 - Spring conference of the Virginia Genealogical Society. Theme: Virginia Records: A Pot-pourri, at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. For information write: Spring Conference, Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 West Broad St., Suite 115, Richmond, Va. 23230-3023.

April 29 - May 1, 1994 - AAHGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Howard University Hotel, Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1994 The Monmouth County Genealogy Club will sponsor a Genealogical & Historical Society "Brainstorming Workshop," at the Monmouth County Library

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Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive  
(off Route 9), Manalapan, N.J.  
For further details, call  
Nancy O. Heydt (908) 776-5909  
evenings.

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NJ-AAHGS Executive Committee -  
Take Note:

The Jean Simpson Scott Chapter  
AAHGS will host the fourth  
meeting of the Mid-Atlantic  
Regional Council of African  
American Genealogy Groups on  
Saturday, May 21, 1994:

10:45 a.m. Meet at corner of  
Chambers and Centre Street, New  
York City for a walking tour of  
Lower Manhattan/Negro Burial  
Ground led by Dr. Sherrill  
Wilson (1 1/2 hrs.) Lunch  
Break followed by a visit to  
the National Archives from  
2 to 4 p.m.

We can call Ramona LaRoche  
of the Jean Sampson Scott  
Greater New York Chapter for  
further details (212) 663-3252.

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The Still Family Society will  
present a tour of the  
Underground Railroad in Canada  
Monday, July 18 - Friday, July  
22, 1994. Contact Betty  
Johnson of NJ-AAHGS for copy of  
flyer providing details (201)  
875-4802. This is being  
sponsored by relatives of  
William Still (Author of the  
"Underground Railroad")

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May 5, 6, 7, 1995 - Staten  
Island History Conference  
"Continuity, Change and  
Community: Perspectives on  
Staten Island History" -  
The Program Committee welcomes  
proposals on all aspects of  
Staten Island history and  
culture. Proposals should be  
received by May 15, 1994.  
Send proposals of no more than  
1000 words and curriculum  
vitae for all panel or  
workshop participants to  
Jane Covell, Program Committee  
Snug Harbor Cultural Center,  
1000 Richmond Terrace  
Staten Island, N. Y. 10301

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ARCHIVE MANIA  
by  
Lisa Crawley

Are you looking for an  
interesting research project to  
get involved in? The AAHGS  
Archives may just have the  
answer! This month we will  
introduce a bulletin board  
featuring articles on three  
major areas of research for the  
genealogist and local  
historian. "Signs of Olden  
times" features a New York-  
based coalition that marks  
historic sites with plaques.  
These sites are those which are  
normally left out of textbooks.  
In "Oral History" learn about  
how teens from West Long Branch  
created a five-part documentary  
by conducting oral history  
interviews with 40 of the  
town's seniors. From the Star-  
Ledger, discover New Jersey's  
burial grounds as author Janice  
Sarapin takes you on the  
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## Announcing

Congratulations to Roland Barksdale-Hall on earning his second Masters degree, majoring in History with a concentration in Museum and Archival Studies. On January 17, 1994, he began a new position as Head Librarian at the Pennsylvania State University campus in Sharon, Pennsylvania, where developmental plans include a new library facility. Roland will be overseeing the design and implementation of the new construction.

As a faculty member, he will continue to research African-American genealogy and history. He will present a paper, "the Library as a Cultural Center, Advocating African American Genealogy and History," at the Second National Conference of African American Librarians in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He recently participated in planning a historical exhibit, "From Color to Culture," which highlights his family research. It was on display from January 17 through March 1 at the Hartwick Museum in Oneonta, New York, and a genealogy seminar was held February 21 at the Museum. An article Roland wrote on the Twin City Elks Lodge in Farrell, Pennsylvania, will appear in Pennsylvania Folklife. He will also present a paper at the AAHGS National Conference in Washington, D. C. entitled "Pennsylvania Black

Elkdom: An Agent for Progress." Roland is Executive Director of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter AAHGS.

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Congratulations also to Lisa Crawley on being accepted into the Museum Studies program at Hampton University. We heard the news with mixed emotions, but we in NJ-AAHGS wish only the best for Lisa!

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Two New Jersey Chapter members will be represented on the AAHGS National Conference program Saturday, April 30, 1994:

Glenn D. Cunningham is scheduled to give a video presentation, "Hidden Footprints" - The African American Experience in Jersey City.

R. Boulton Dickenson will make a presentation on Selected "Reminiscences" and Manumissions: Family Histories of Slavery and Freedom Among Some Colored People of Princeton, New Jersey.

Both of these presentations will be made Saturday, April 30, 1994, beginning at 10 a.m. (Check your program when you arrive).

(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>
114.	Thomas TEN EYCK	Do
115.	Garret OPPIE	Do
116.	Susan SIMMONS	Do
117.	Caroline SIMPSON	Do
118.	Dianna SCUDDER	Do
119.	Susan S. SCUDDER	Do
120.	Jane DILL	
121.	Joseph STRYKER	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
122.	Elisha GLOCESTER	
123.	Dianna HOLCOMB	Do
124.	Rhoda BERGER	Do
125.	Catharine VAN CLEVE	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
126.	Thomas STOCKTON (See #20)	Do
127.	Ann INNIS	Do
128.	John VOORHEES (B) (H) "Ruling Elder	Do
129.	Alfred MARTIN	Dism. 10th Mar. 1846
130.	Joseph INNIS	Do

H - Hageman, John Frelinghuysen "History of Princeton and Its  
 Institutions," 1879. He refers to the "ruling elders" of the  
 Witherspoon St. Church (pp 209-11).

B - "Reminiscences of the Coloured People of Princeton, N. J.,"  
 by Anna Bustill Smith, 1913.

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