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NEWSLETTER

May 1994

NJ-AAHGS will meet Saturday, May 14, 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.

Program

Chapter 1st Vice President Glenn D. Cunningham will speak on "The Black Seminole Indians."

Members, families and friends are welcome!

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

REMINDER

Everyone welcome to join the Jean Sampson Scott Greater N.Y. Chapter who will be hosting the May 21, 1994, meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of African American Genealogy Groups.

10:00 a.m. We will meet at 6 World Trade Center, where Dr. Sherrill Wilson will present a comprehensive program about the Lower Manhattan/Negro Burial Ground.

Dutch Treat Brunch will follow at a local restaurant (Cost per person - \$10.00). A list of those planning to attend will be required for the World Trade Center and Brunch. New Jersey Members: Please see Betty Johnson at the May 14th Chapter meeting to make a reservation or call her at (201) 875-4802.

2 - 4 p.m. Mid-Atlantic meeting and visit at the National Archives Branch (within walking distance from the restaurant).

John Logan, President of the African American Genealogy Group of Pennsylvania, is planning to bring a van load of members to New York for this program.

We hope that as many New Jersey members as possible will participate in what promises to be a very interesting day!

Note: Let us know if you need directions to the World Trade Center.

Listing of NJ-AAHGS 1994 Family Reunions will be published in the June Newsletter. Please bring this information to the May meeting.

From the President
By Lloyd E. Washington

We would like to thank Gladys Barker Grauer for coming to our April meeting and sharing with us the story of our people through her art work and comments. We would also like to thank Carolyn Whitley, our Program Chairman, for making it possible for Mrs. Grauer to come.

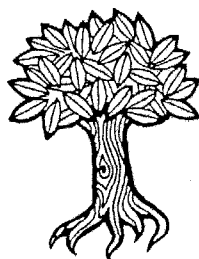
Ted Brunson, Museum Director, would like a clear 5x7 black and white photo of your local church and its full address, including county. If possible, he would like the outside message board that tells the time of services included in the picture. Please send or bring the photos to the Museum.

Please check your local newspapers for African American items that can be added to AAHGS-NJ archives.

In an effort to know your opinions, ideas, and thoughts about Chapter activities, a survey is being prepared for distribution.

Don't forget - our Journal The Jersey Heritage will be on sale at our May meeting!

Good luck in your continuing search of your family history. See you at the May meeting.



ARCHIVE MANIA
by
Lisa Crawley

To get your own copies of the African American heritage travel guides featured at the April meeting, please contact the following agencies:

The Roots of Tennessee, An African-American Guide.

Contact: Tennessee Tourist Development, P. O. Box 23170, Nashville, Tennessee 37202 (615) 741-7994.

To Walk the Whole Journey: African American Cultural Resources in South Carolina.

Contact: South Carolina Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, 1205 Pendleton St., Columbia, S. C. 29201, (803) 734-0235.

Down Home Views, African American Visitors Guide.

Contact Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, 47 Union Ave., Memphis, TN 38103, (901) 543-5300.

Detroit's African-American Points of Interest.

Contact Downtown Detroit, Two E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 567-1170.

Baltimore's African American Heritage Visitors Guide.

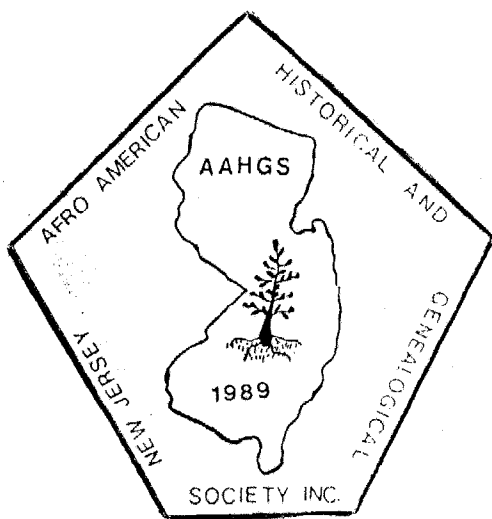
Contact: Baltimore Area Convention & Visitors Assoc. (800) 343-3468.

Boston African-American Discovery.

Contact: Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. (800) 888-5515.

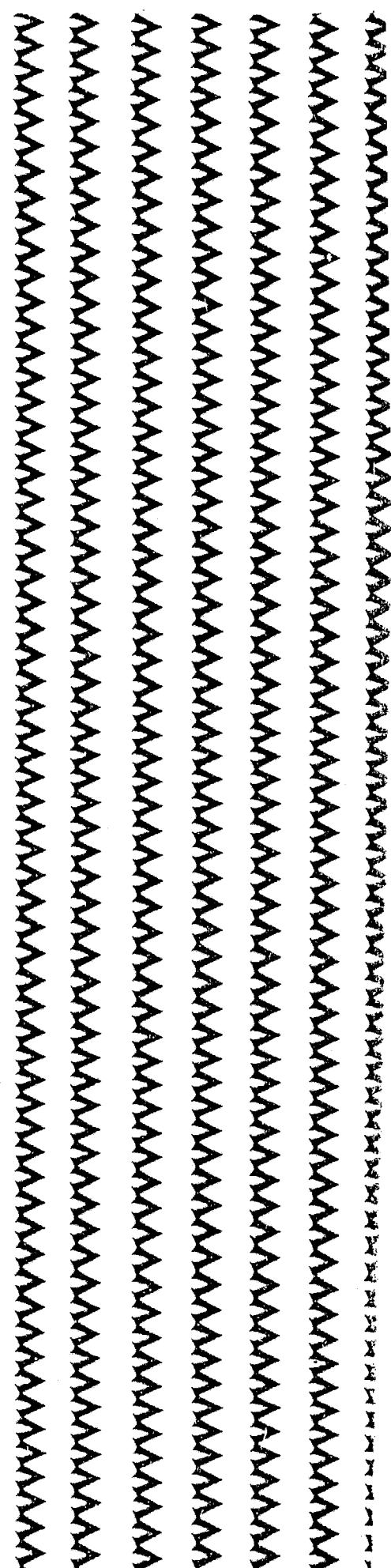
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NOTES FROM THE AAHGS ANNUAL
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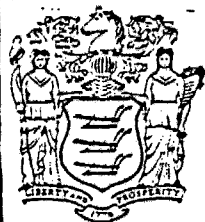
Congratulations to the Conference Planning Committee for the theme of this year's conference theme: "Just ordinary people, God uses ordinary people..." (Danniebelle Hall). The theme resounded throughout the sessions.... We were happy to see so many New Jersey Chapter members: practically the entire Executive Committee: Lloyd and Odell Washington, Lou Bowser, Lisa Crawley, Glenn Cunningham, Amanda Edwards, Carolyn Whitley, Sandra Bolden and Betty Johnson; also members Florence O. Amos, Claudine Brinkley Austin, Roland C. Barksdale-Hall, Dick Dickenson, Bernice C. Jackson, Nettie W. Johnson, Marie Newberry, Hortense W. Powell, Willa H. Rawlins, Dennis T. Williams and Billy Pruitt.

Some of us wished we could have gone on all three pre-Conference tours to the Archives, the Library of Congress and the D.A.R. Unfortunately, we had to make a choice.... Each tour presented a golden opportunity for first-timers to these huge facilities. Walking shoes and comfortable clothing were important as we trotted behind the various staff persons who conducted the tours... The Library of Congress tour which I registered for included the Manuscript Division; Map and Geography Division; Newspapers and Current Periodicals Reading Room; the Special Collections Division; Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions, and the

Local History and Genealogy Reading Room... The Manuscript Division holds papers of such dignatories as Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King and Frederick Douglass.... A listing of acquisitions is published by the Manuscript Division free of charge.... We were also given a booklet describing a recent publication by Debra Newman Ham, The African American Mosaic which is available for sale at the Library of Congress.... The conference sessions ranged from "how to" sessions, to those on a wide variety of historical and genealogical themes.... Glenn Cunningham and Dick Dickenson represented the New Jersey Chapter on the program, and we are sure, inspired other Chapter members to be involved as presenters in future conferences.... The keynote speaker for the banquet, Dr. Kortright Davis, Howard University School of Divinity, gave a stirring and challenging speech.... The availability of his talk on tape will give many of us who purchased it an opportunity to listen again to the many challenges he presented as he focussed on the theme, "Ordinary People." The authors' luncheon and jazz brunch drew a great deal of interest as we hovered over the authors for autographed copies of their works.... The networking to make connections with others researching in our areas went on frantically throughout the conference and brought happy people together!
WE CONGRATULATE THE CONFERENCE
PLANNING COMMITTEE!

(More on the Conference in the
June Newsletter)

-Betty Johnson



VITAL RECORDS REQUEST

NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES - DEPARTMENT OF STATE

185 West State Street CN 307, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Telephone: (609) 292-6260

THE STATE ARCHIVES MAINTAINS ALL BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS FROM MAY 1848 THROUGH MAY 1878. All requests for vital records information after May 1878 should be directed to: State Registrar - Search Unit, New Jersey State Department of Health, CN 360, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

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FULL NAME OF CHILD AT TIME OF BIRTH	BIRTH DATE
PLACE OF BIRTH (City, Town, Township)	COUNTY
FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

COMPLETE FOR MARRIAGE RECORD ONLY

NAME OF HUSBAND	MAIDEN NAME OF WIFE
PLACE OF MARRIAGE (City, Township)	
COUNTY OF MARRIAGE (Searches between 1848-1864)	MARRIAGE DATE

COMPLETE FOR DEATH RECORD ONLY

DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
PLACE OF DEATH (City, Town, Township or County)	AGE AT DEATH
FATHER'S NAME	
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	

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