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MIDWEST AFRO-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL INTEREST COALITION

MAGIC'S NEW YEAR GATHERING, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

WHEN

SATURDAY, FEB. 4TH, 12-2PM

WHERE

4301 EAST 43RD STREET
KANSAS CITY, MO

MORE INFORMATION

Vineyard Community Center

MAGIC'S 2/25 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

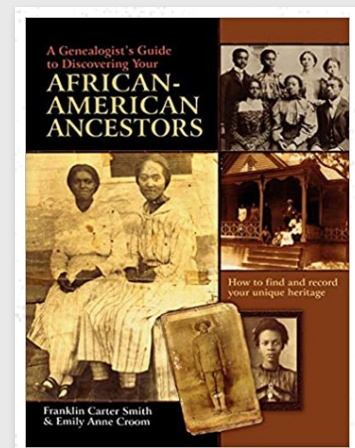
Mark your calendars for an afternoon workshop at the Midwest Genealogy Center on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Watch here and Facebook for the latest. See Three items below.

Keynote: **UNDERUSED RECORDS IN BLACK GENEALOGY** by
Kathleen Brandt 1-2 PM

CrowdSourcing Black Genealogy by David W. Jackson 2-3 PM

MAGIC Panel: Q & A 3-4:30 PM

ATTENTION FOR THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND:



1) This event will be in person only. [Registration](#) IS NEEDED to guarantee a seat and help us plan for turnout.

2) Notify Preston Washington of the number of display tables needed ASAP (prewas@gmail.com)

3) MAGIC is able to sell items. Our [list of books](#) is on our website.



2023 GENEALOGY DAY IN JOCO

Mark your calendars for the **National Genealogy Day Open House and Resource Fair**, Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Johnson County Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS.

MAGIC will be represented at a table among its peers, so stop by and check it out!

The event is open to the public and will be a day filled with genealogy resources for those who want to begin or expand their family research journey and learn more about local organizations that can help them. In past years there have been from 300 to 500 people attending the event. Please see the attached flyer.

Attendees may:

- Tour the genealogy area and genealogy collection.
- Learn about library and genealogical society resources, both in-house and on-line.
- Pick up forms and information
- Attend informative 45-minute sessions on various topics including Internet Genealogy and Find a Grave
- Visit with regional genealogy group members and view their exhibits
- Learn about genealogy software programs.
- See *Fruits of their Research* displays with examples of family histories, pedigree charts, stories and scrapbooks.

No registration is required. Open to the public. The event is co-sponsored by the Johnson County Library and the Johnson County Genealogical Society (established in 1972).

**GKCBHSG BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM-
GUEST SPEAKER: MR. TORIANO PORTOR-KC
STAR EDITORIAL BOARD**

All,

Please join us on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm for our annual Black History Month program. In the tradition of early journalists such as the great Ida B. Wells and T. Thomas Fortune as voices of Black Resistance against injustice, Mr. Porter will share how he as a Black journalist in a major daily newspaper uses his voice to hold the powerful accountable and call out unfair policies and procedures that discriminate against marginalized people.



We are also privileged to have Mr. Glenn North, Poet Laureate of the 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District present one of his works. Mr. North's poetry speaks to the resistance and resilience exemplified by African Americans. Mr. North is also the Director of Inclusive Learning & Creative Impact at the Kansas City Museum.

The program location:

Anita Gorman Conservation Discovery Center

4750 Troost Avenue

Kanas City, MO 64110

1:00 pm

Please see the attached flyer for details. The program will also be presented virtually. The Zoom link is provided below. We ask that you RSVP to kcblackhistory2@gmail.com to let us know whether you plan to attend in person or virtually.

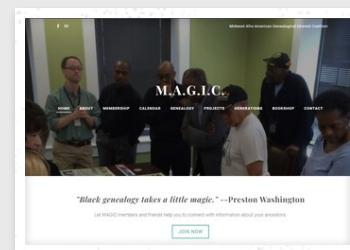
We look forward to seeing you on February 11, 2023.

Best,

Brenda Vann

RENEW (OR JOIN) MAGIC TODAY :)

It's that time of year to support nonprofits like MAGIC. Membership is \$20/year (Jan-Dec). Most of our expenses are clerical maintaining our website, email channel, and this newsletter support system. Pulling off events like Black History Month programming also takes a chunk of our finite budget.



Hopefully you know our volunteer board is frugal in its outlook and expenditures, and we value every membership contribution. We appreciate that you see the worthiness of our mission to join and maintain your membership with MAGIC.

Several members from 2021 did not renew in 2022, so revenues are down.

Go to <https://www.magickc.org/membership.html> (choose your option; the first button allows you to make a donation in any amount...all TAX DEDUCTIBLE ;)

GREATER KANSAS CITY BLACK HISTORY STUDY GROUP-FACEBOOK

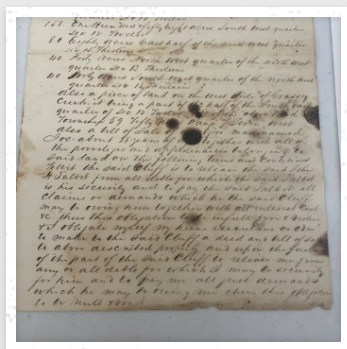
Sign up for notices of monthly/regular meetings

BLACK KANSAS CITY HISTORY STUDY GROUP- WEBSITE

MAGIC REPRESENTED ON FAMILYSEARCH.ORG AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/African_American_Societies

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL OF KANSAS CITY (CLICK)



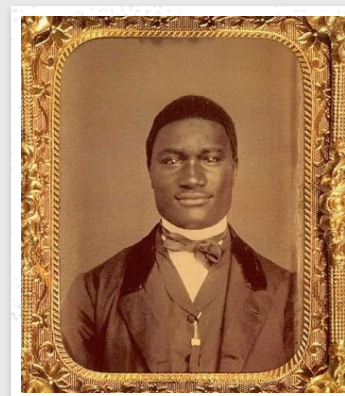
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Do you have random family images?



COLLECTS

Care to share copies, even anonymously?



IMAGES

Please send usable scans to magickc.org@gmail.com

ASHLEY'S SACK

[Ashley's sack: the bag revealing the horrors of slavery including the slave sale of a 9-yr-old girl \(msn.com\)](http://msn.com)

[Thanks to MAGIC friend, Dolores Rush]

GENEALOGY HELPS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

SUBMIT A HELPFUL LINK

Let us hear from you!

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MAGIC WEBSITE



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please hold a moment of silence and send good thoughts to MAGIC members and friends.

Also, keep the spirits of your ancestors at the forefront of your daily life. After all, they each did at least one monumental thing in their life.....they had a child...that survived...through puberty. Otherwise, YOU would not be here ;)

In the 1997 Academy Award nominated motion picture, Amistad, there is a scene, "A Call to the Ancestors," when the lead African character, Cinque says of his ancestors, "I will call into the past, far back to the beginning of time, and beg them to come and help me...I will reach back and draw them into me. And they must come. For at this moment ... I am the whole reason they have existed at all."

USE FINDAGRAVE.COM

Here are some [Commonly Asked Questions](#).

Get started using it free today by creating an account.

If you don't find your grandparent or great grandparents' graves listed, DO T! Create a memorial! Then, begin linking to parents, spouses, and children!

KEVIN WILLMOTT: OWNING OUR NARRATIVE! TELL THE STORY BLACK.

It appears more often that information regarding black stories is mismanaged, reconstructed, or omitted. Anyone who has attempted to tell the full, honest story is silenced, defunded, or discredited. Largely, educators either ignore, or briefly cover, the horrors of enslavement. We're taught false narratives like "workers" were "brought over" from Africa; the Civil War was about "States' rights;" and the origins of current day policing being the slave catching patrols are never mentioned. We're taught the "happy, faithful slave" narrative but scarcely learn about slave revolts and resistance. Will we control our Narrative or continue to allow others to fabricate the stories?

The Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City is focusing on that question at our **Black History Month Luncheon** as we celebrate the movement and process of "Owning our Narrative." Our Keynote Speaker does this better than just about anyone.

The Academy Award Winning Film director and screenwriter Kevin Willmott takes charge of the presentation of the Black American narrative with his movie making, as a Professor of Film, and in mentoring actors and other filmmakers. We are honored to have him speak at this year's event.

The celebration will be held on **Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. in Pierson Auditorium on the UMKC Campus, 5100 Rockhill Road, in Kansas City, Missouri.** Come join us for this wonderful occasion.

Thank you for your support,
Carmaletta M. Williams, Ph. D.