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The purpose of M.A.G.I.C. is to promote genealogy and family history through the presentation of structured classes, exhibition of genealogies, guest lecturers and tours of agencies that are considered sources of genealogical interest.

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Mark Your Calendar and Attend

Apr 2	Aug 6
May 7	Sep 3
June 4	Oct 1 *
Juneteenth TBD*	Nov 5
	Dec 3 *

Unless noted with an asterisk (*), all monthly meetings are held from Noon-2 p.m. at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Pkwy, Kansas City, Mo. 64130.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING

Feb. 4 – Screening and discussion of the “Spies of Mississippi,” documentary presented in partnership with Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group and in conjunction with the 20th Century Civil Rights and Liberties documentary film series. Post film discussion will be led by Dr. Rebecca Miller Davis of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Feb. 12 – “History of African-American Cowboys.” While the best known cowboys of the Old West were white, it’s believed one in four were African-American. Through storytelling and song, vocalist and cultural historian Brother John Anderson helps young audience members explore their history.

The Kansas City Public Library will host a “Black History Month Book-to-Film Series,” in partnership with UMKC’s Black Studies program and the Black Archives of Mid-America. The series of screenings includes four memorable films adapted from books by African-American authors.

- **Feb. 4** – “Beloved,” Plaza Branch
- **Feb. 7** – “The Color Purple,” UMKC Miller Nichols Library
- **Feb. 18** – “Disappearing Acts,” Plaza Branch
- **Feb. 21** – “The Women of Brewster Place” UMKC Miller Nichols Library

Feb. 8-10, 13, 18 & 25 – “Negro Leagues Baseball: The Deep Roots of African-Americans in America’s Great Game” – Kevin Mitchell, author of *Last Train to Cooperstown*, illuminates the rich history of Negro League baseball, which launched the legendary careers of Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige, Buck O’Neill and all the members of the Kansas City Monarchs.

Feb. 20 - “*Stereotypes to Civil Rights: Black paper Dolls in America*,” is a black paper doll collection of noted author, lecturer, photographer and actress Arabella Grayson. Utilizing a fragile yet enduring link to the past to examine issues of gender, race and beauty. The exhibit will be on view through August 21, 2016. For museum hours or for more information, go to www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

Feb. 27 – “A History of Military Service by African-Americans” – This special event on researching your African-American ancestry during the Civil War period allows participants to utilize the library with the assistance of genealogists at the completion of the session.

Feb. 29 – “George S. Robb: From Salina to Park University to Pershing’s 100 Heroes of the War” is part of the Park University Spencer Cave Black History Month lecture and is supported by the Organization of American Historians and the Black Archives of Mid-America. **(More on Page 12)**

FREE AT LAST..... By Preston Washington

As a general rule most African-Americans, owing to the institution of slavery, are not identified by name in the U.S. Census until 1870. There were some free African-Americans prior to the Emancipation Proclamation of 1865. This column lifts-up selected African-American Missourians who were **free prior to the Civil War**, with the hope that readers might make a connection.

CARRIGER -CARRIAGER-CARIGER-CARAGER- CORRIGER

A **Stephen Carriager** is first encountered in the probate records of **Isaac Carriager**, 28 June 1844, Andrew County, Missouri.

Stephen, listed as a black man, purchased (2) gears valued at \$4. Stephen was presumably free; Isaac likely his former slaveholder/master.

1850 Jackson Township, Andrew County, Missouri:

Stephen Cariger	47	Male	Black	Farmer \$1000*	Virginia (born ca. 1803)
Charlotte	40	Female	Black		Tennessee (b. ca. 1810)
Crisby	21	Male	Black		Tennessee (b. ca. 1829)
Harriet	8	Female	Black		Missouri (b. ca. 1842)
Samuel	5	Male	Black		Missouri (b. ca. 1845)
Patsy	3	Female	Black		Missouri (b. ca. 1847)

*=Stephen's real estate is valued at \$27,598.04 in 2013 dollars.

Of the 2,784 residents in the 1860 Andrew county Census, four African-Americans are indexed in Heritage Quest's Population Schedules database. Slaves were enumerated on separate Slave Schedules solely by gender, approximate age and race (black or mulatto). One of the four is Christly Carager:

1860 Andrew County, Missouri:

Christly Carager	38	Male	Black	Farmer \$1150 \$582	Tennessee (b. ca. 1822)
Harriet	33	Female	Mulatto		Virginia (b. ca. 1827)
Nathaniel	14	Male			Missouri (b. ca. 1846)
Susan	12	Female			Missouri
Christian	10	Male			Missouri
Senoma	7	Female			Missouri
Joe	5	Male			Missouri
Elvira	3	Female			Missouri
Samuel	15	Male	Black		Missouri (b. ca. 1845)
Patsy	13	Female	Black		Missouri (b. ca. 1847)
Jane	8	Female	Black		Missouri
Sarah	2	Female	Black		Missouri
Violetta	1/12	Female	Black		Missouri

Christly is likely Crisby from 1850, even though the purported age is ‘off’ by seven years. Oftentimes slaves did not know exactly when they were born and had to approximate their ages. The difference in spelling might be attributed to dialect when speaking to the door-to-door Census enumerator...and that person’s spelling capabilities. The only for sure carry-overs from 1850 are Samuel and Patsy. What happened to Stephen and Charlotte? Are Jane, Sarah and Violetta their children? Could this family have been half free and half slave? Christly’s real estate, by 2013 dollars, was valued at \$29,397.12 and his personal property at \$14,877. 50.

The 1870 census brings about new Christian and surname spellings (again, a subjective recording by one enumerator), new families and new color...mulatto.

Crisby (1850)/Christly (1860)/Christopher (1870) becomes Christian on his children’s death certificates.

1870 Andrew County, Missouri:

Christopher	Carriger	48	Male	Black	Farmer	\$3500	\$600	Tennessee
Harriet		46	Female	Mulatto				Virginia
James		18	Male	Mulatto				Missouri
Elvira		16	Female	Mulatto				Missouri
Sarah		15	Female	Mulatto				Missouri
Violatta		12	Female	Mulatto				Missouri
John		9	Male	Mulatto				Missouri
Grant*		6	Male	Mulatto				Missouri
Frances		5	Female	Mulatto				Missouri
[Abraham] Lincoln**		4	Male	Mulatto				Missouri
Martha		3	Female	Mulatto				Missouri
Robert ***		1	Male	Mulatto				Missouri

When adjusted to 2013 dollars Christopher’s real estate is valued at \$63,552.92 and his personal property at \$10,894.72.

*=Grant Carriger, son of Christian Carriger and Harriet Samuels, died on August 26, 1911, in Savannah, Andrew, Missouri. He is buried in Savannah, Missouri. Informant: Mrs. Hester Powell. Lawrence Augustus Carriger, son of Grant Carriger and Lizzie Findley, died on March 23, 1916, in Maryville, Nodaway, Missouri, and is buried in Savannah, Missouri. Informant: Mrs. Luella Gunn.

**=Abraham Lincoln Carriger, son of Christian Carriger and an unknown mother (per D/C), died on April 5, 1933, in St. Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri, and is buried in Ashland Cemetery, St. Joseph. Informant: Eliza Carriger.

Earl Carriger, son of [Abraham] Lincoln Carriger and Eliza Hall (b. in Iowa), died on April 8, 1916 in St. Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri and he is buried in Ashland Cemetery, St. Joseph. Informant: Lincoln Carriger.

Mabel Carriger, daughter of [Abraham] Lincoln Carriger and Eliza Hall, died on August 4, 1951 in St. Joseph, Buchanan and she is buried in Mt. Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph. Informant: Fred Carriger.

***=Robert Carriger, son of Christian Carriger and unknown mother (per D/C), died on December 20, 1929, in St. Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri, and is buried in Ashland Cemetery, St. Joseph. Informant: Lincoln Carriger.

Also in the 1870 Census we find:

Louisa Carriger	42*	Female	Virginia
Wilson	20	Male	Missouri
Chrisley	18	Male	Missouri
Lafayette	15	Male	Missouri
Casar	12	Male	Missouri
Mary	11	Female	Missouri
Caroline	8	Female	Missouri

*=Louisa is probably buried Savannah Cemetery; Savannah, Missouri.

Next door to Louisa is:

Samuel Carriger	28	Male	Black Farm Laborer	\$400 \$400	Missouri
Sarah	23	Female	Black		Missouri
Elizabeth	2	Female	Black		Missouri
Alice	1	Female	Black		Missouri
Ida	7/12	Female	Black		Missouri

\$400 in 1870 equates to \$7,263.19 in 2013 dollars.

And on down the road is:

Christopher J. Carriger	21	Male
Susan	20	Female
Isabella	1	Female

and

Ann Carriger	22*	Female	Kentucky
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*=domestic, counted with the family of retired farmer George Stevenson

The 1880 census brings yet another spelling change, Corriger; however, Carriger is the spelling the family seemed to use in modern times.

Crisby (1850)/Christly (1860)/Christopher (1870/1880)/Christian's wife, Harriet may have died; Clara may be a second wife.

1880 Andrew County, Missouri:

Christopher Corriger		Male	
Clara	58	Female	Tennessee
Grant		Male	
Frances		Female	
Lincoln		Male	
Martha		Female	
Robert		Male	
Olive Hopkins	5	Female	Granddaughter
Samuel Corriger		Male	

Sarah		Female
Elizabeth		Female
Alice		Female
Ida		Female
James (no surname given)		Male Son-in-Law
Isabella (James's wife)		Female
Nettie [--?--]	5	Female
Charles [--?--]	3	Male
Christopher J. Corriger		Male
Susan		Female
Isabella		Female
Rose B.	11	Female
Ella	6	Female
Oliver	1	Male

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-267-12398-164757-29>

<http://persi.heritagequestonline.com.proxy.mcpl.lib.mo.us/hqoweb/library/do/census/results/image?series=8&state=5&race=1&countyid=1641&hitcount=4&p=1&urn=urn%3Aproquest%3AUS%3Bcensus%3B8767897%3B53112598%3B8%3B5&searchtype=1&offset=0>

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<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=carriger&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=26&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=102677549&df=all&>

"Missouri, Andrew and Cole County Probate Records, 1826-1945," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-46125-16953-39?cc=2060218&wc=S47S-3YL:1331932102,1331983011> : accessed 4 January 2015), Andrew > Estate files 1844 Carriger, Isaac, & minors > image 1 of 72; citing Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

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New Database for Missourians with Ancestors in Virginia

http://www.virginiamemory.com/blogs/out_of_the_box/2016/01/06/virginia-untold-freedom-suits/

This is the first in a series of blog posts on the record types found in the forthcoming Library of Virginia research database: *Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative*. The initial database release was on 1 Feb 2016.

“Enslaved African Americans in antebellum Virginia attempted to secure their freedom in many ways. The violent, armed uprisings led by Nat Turner and Gabriel loom large in historical memory, and the historical record is littered with stories of runaway slaves stealing off in the night to seek freedom with the help of the Underground Railroad. However, the narratives of enslaved individuals who used the law to secure their freedom are frequently missing from this dialogue. The Library of Virginia’s collection of freedom suits helps to illuminate these stories. Enslaved Virginians could petition the court for their freedom “*forma pauperis*” based on a few different claims. Since free or enslaved status in antebellum Virginia was based on the status of the mother, petitioners often sued on the basis that they were born of a free woman. In many cases these suits involve individuals claiming descent from a Native American.

After 1788, slaveholders who brought slaves to Virginia when resettling from another state were required to register their slaves with the county court and sign an oath stating that they had not brought them for the purpose of reselling. If a slaveholder failed to register his slaves within one year of relocating to the commonwealth, the slaves could gain their freedom by petitioning the courts.

Petitioners also sued on the basis that they had already received their freedom by a deed of emancipation or a last will and testament.

The petitioners were granted court-appointed attorneys, and then faced the tough task of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that they were in fact entitled to their freedom. A freedom suit in Rockingham County styled *Gracy, etc. vs. Exr. Of James Fulton* includes instructions for the jury and plainly states that “the issue is always upon the plaintiffs or petitioners right to freedom against all the world” and that “the presumption is that every negro is a slave.” As a result, these suits are rich in narrative and many contain supporting documents such as free Negro registrations, wills, deeds of emancipation, and depositions, all collected in an effort to support the claim of freedom. Often there are references to the parents, grandparents, and children of petitioners, providing a wonderful genealogical resource.” **SEARCH AT:**

<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan/>



CONNECT THROUGH QUERIES

Search by surname below,
or location, separately on **page 13**

AFRICAN AMERICAN SURNAMES & LOCATIONS

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contact/submitter on page 8

- Adkins—LA⁴⁹
Adkins—GA⁴⁹
Adkins—SC⁴⁹
Adkins—VA⁴⁹
Aitch—Franklin & St. Louis Co., MO²⁵
Aitch—Mecklenberg Co., VA²⁵
Akers—Chariton Co., MO²⁵
Allan—LA¹⁰
Allen—MS²⁰
Anderson—TN⁴⁴
Anderson—AR⁴⁴
Bailey—AR³
Bailey—Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., KS³⁴
Banks—OK⁶
Berry—Pine Bluff, AR¹⁴
Bethpage—TN⁴
Blair—AR^{18, 41}
Bonds—Hennings, Lauderdale Co., TN²⁹
Bonds—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO²⁹
Brookings—Jackson Co., MO³
Brooks—AR⁴⁵
Brooks—NC⁴⁵
Brooks—GA⁴⁵
Brooks—LA⁴⁵
Brown—TX³
Brown—VA²²
Brown—Washington, D.C.²²
Bullock—NC⁴⁷
Bumpus—TX³
Burton—NC⁴⁷
Bussey—LA³⁰
Bussey—OK³⁰
Butler—St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO³²
Byers—NC⁴⁰
Byers—SC⁴⁰
Byers—AR⁴⁰
Byers—KS⁴⁰
Byers—MO⁴⁰
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Caldwell—AR⁴⁵
Campbell—MS⁶
Carroll—Camp Co., TX⁸
Carter—AR¹⁸
Carter⁴⁶
Carter—Hennings, Lauderdale Co., TN²⁹
Carter—Jackson Co., MO²⁹
Chaney—Calgary, Alberta, Canada³
Chaney—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada³
Chaney—TX³
Cherry—Houston/Jefferson Co., TX²⁹
Clowers—GA²⁶
Clowers—AL²⁶
Clowers—MS²⁶
Clowers—LA²⁶
Coley—NC⁴⁷
Collins—AL⁴¹
Collins—TX⁴¹
Cradock—Camp Co., TX⁸
Craig—KY³⁸
Craig—AR³⁸
Craig—TX³⁸
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Crawford—MS²⁶
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Duffel—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO³⁷

- Durham—MS³⁹
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 Ellington—LA³⁰
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 Ellis—SW, AR & Pine Bluff, AR⁴⁹
 Ellis—GA²⁶
 Ellis—KS⁴⁹
 Ellis—MS²⁶
 Ellis—LA²⁶
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 Epps—TN⁴⁴
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 Evans—AR⁴⁵
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 Felts—GA⁴⁸
 Ferguson—AR¹⁸
 Ferguson—SC¹⁸
 Field—MS¹⁷
 Frazier—Calgary, Alberta, Canada³
 Frazier—TX³
 Gaaunt/Gantt—AL²⁴
 Gaaunt/Gantt—PA²⁴
 Gants—Pleasant Hill, Clay Co., MO¹⁴
 Gibson—SW, AR * & Prairie Co., AR⁴⁹
 Giles—Richmond, Ray Co., MO¹⁹
 Gilmore—AL⁴⁹
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 Gilmore—LA⁴⁹
 Glover—AL⁵
 Goodrem—NC⁴³
 Gore—MS⁶
 Graham—MS²⁷
 Grant—Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS³⁰
 Grayson—OK⁶
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 Hall—AR⁴⁵
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 Hall—LA⁴⁵
 Hank—MS¹⁷
 Hardin—NC⁴⁰
 Hardin—SC⁴⁰
 Hardin—AR⁴⁰
 Hardin—KS⁴⁰
 Hardin—MO⁴⁰
 Harris—NC⁴⁷
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 Harris—GA²⁶
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 Hayes—AL⁵
 Hendricks—LA⁷
 Hendricks—TX⁷
 Hicks—GA⁴⁸
 Hill—Lee Co., AL⁴
 Hodge—Camp Co., TX⁸
 Hooker—MS³⁹
 Hooker—AR³⁹
 Hooker—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO³⁹
 Houston—Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS³²
 Houston—AR³²
 Huddleston—TN⁴⁴
 Humphreys—TX⁴³
 Jackson—St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO³¹
 Jackson—Doniphan Co., KS²
 Jackson—Franklin Co., MO²
 Jackson—Holt Co., MO²
 Jackson—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO²
 Jackson—Kanawha Co., W/VA²
 Jackson—Charles Co., MD²
 Jackson—Spotsylvania Co., VA²
 Jackson—Westmoreland Co., VA²
 Johnson—MS⁴
 Johnson—VA²²
 Johnson—Washington, D.C.²²
 Jones—AR^{18, 45}
 Jones—NC⁴⁵
 Jones—GA⁴⁵
 Jones—LA⁴⁵
 Jones—Bunceton, Cooper Co., MO²⁸
 Jones—Calgary, Alberta, Canada³
 Jones—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada³
 Jones—VA¹⁷
 Jones—MS¹⁷
 Jones—Sardis, MS¹⁸
 Kidd—Jackson Parish, LA⁵
 Keller—KY³⁸

- Keller—AR³⁸
 Keller—TX³⁸
 Land—Houston/Jefferson Co., TX²⁹
 Leach—MO³
 Lee—AR⁴¹
 Lester—AR¹⁸
 Lester—Sardis, MS¹⁸
 Levison—MS²⁴
 Levison—NE²⁴
 Lewis—AL¹¹
 Lewis—AR¹¹
 Lyles—MO³
 Madison—St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO³¹
 Malone—TX¹³
 Marzett/Morissette —AL⁵
 Mason—SC⁹
 Mason—Fulton/Portland, Callaway Co, MO¹⁹
 Mason—OK³⁶
 Mason—TX³⁶
 McClain—GA²⁴
 McClain—SC²⁴
 McDaniel—Blackwell, Conway Co., AR²³
 McDonald—MO³
 McIntosh—AR⁸
 McIntosh—MO³³
 McKinney—NC⁴⁷
 McLeod—AR¹⁸
 Meggs—TX³
 Mitchem—NC⁴⁰
 Mitchem—SC⁴⁰
 Mitchem—AR⁴⁰
 Mitchem—KS⁴⁰
 Mitchem—MO⁴⁰
 Moore—Calgary, Alberta, Canada³
 Moore—Edmonton, Alberta, Canada³
 Morgan—Fort Scott, Bourbon Co., KS¹⁹
 Morris—Newport, Jackson Co., AR²³
 Morris—St. Louis, MO²³
 Nash—AR²⁰
 Nash—MS²⁰
 Nelson—LA¹⁶
 Parker—TX³
 Patenande—LA²⁴
 Patterson—LA²⁴
 Phifer—AR³
 Polk—Calgary Alberta Canada³
 Polk—Edmonton Alberta Canada³
 Pryor/Prior—Franklin Co., MO²
 Pryor/Prior—Holt Co., MO²
 Pryor/Prior—Kanawha Co., W/VA²
 Ramey—MS¹⁷
 Ray—MS⁶
 Ray—AR⁶
 Reams—LA⁴²
 Reams—AR⁴²
 Reed—TN⁴³
 Reed—TX³
 Rentie/Renty—OK⁶
 Rienzi—MS⁴
 Riley—OK³⁶
 Riley—TX³⁶
 Ross—TX³
 Rowell—AR⁴¹
 Sanders—SC⁹
 Sansing—GA⁴⁹
 Sansing—NC⁴⁹
 Sansing—SC⁴⁹
 Sansing—VA⁴⁹
 Seymore—TX³
 Sharp—Anderson Co., KY²
 Sharp—Buchanan Co., MO²
 Sharp—Holt Co., MO²
 Sherard—NC⁴⁷
 Sidney⁴⁶
 Simpkins—AL¹¹
 Simpkins—AR¹¹
 Skinner—AR³
 Slay—KY³⁸
 Slay—AR³⁸
 Slay—TX³⁸
 Smalls—AR¹²
 Smalls—Jackson Co., MO¹²
 Snowden—AR⁴⁵
 Snowden—NC⁴⁵
 Snowden—GA⁴⁵
 Snowden—LA⁴⁵
 Spratt—Camp Co., TX⁸
 Stevenson—MS²¹
 Stewart—AR³
 Stitt—AR³
 Tate⁴⁶
 Taylor—OK⁶
 Taylor—Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS³⁷
 Vann—OK⁷
 Vinson—Camp Co., TX⁸
 Walker—AR⁴⁹

Walker—DE⁴⁹
 Walker—GA⁴⁹
 Walker—LA⁴⁹
 Ward—AR¹⁸
 Washington—Blackwell, Conway Co., AR²³
 Washington—Chariton Co., MO¹
 Washington—SC²³
 Webb—NC⁴³
 Webb—AR^{18 & 42}
 Webb—GA⁴²
 White—TN⁴
 Wiggins—AL²⁶
 Wiggins—GA²⁶
 Wiggins—MS²⁶
 Wiggins—LA²⁶
 Williams—AR^{18, 39}
 Williams—MS³⁹
 Williams—Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO³⁹
 Winfield—Houston/Jefferson Co., TX²⁹
 Woody—SC²³
 Wright—Bunceton, Cooper Co., MO²⁸
 Wright—LA¹⁰

African American History Month Programming (Continued from Page 3)

Feb. 23. In honor of African-American History Month, MAGIC members, at the invitation of Benita Johnson, attended a special February 23 program hosted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kansas City Regional Office, where they had time to present and be a part of the program. **Algy Mason** spoke on behalf of the organization. **Lisa Davis** joined her (thank you!). They also made available an information table set-up to display information about MAGIC, and displayed MAGIC's quilt on an easel. Thank you to MAGIC member Benita Johnson for the invitation and hospitality. **Photos on page 20.**

Feb. 4 and 9, and Mar. 3 MAGIC member, **David W. Jackson**, debuted his newest book, *Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage*, to MAGIC membership, and then repeated his presentation to record number audiences in February and March across the Kansas City metro to three branches of the Mid-Continent Library System. Tremendous media coverage in the Kansas City Call and Star helped to publicize the events.

[The Call article](#) by Tracy Allen

The Kansas City Star ([816 Northland edition](#)) article by Jesus Lopez-Gomez

[The \(Independence\) Examiner](#) article by Jeff Fox

[The Kansas City Star](#) article by James A. "Jim" Fussell (get past the video to the great article)



Black History Month

A Secret Comes To Life: Local Historian Discovers Unknown About Relative



DAVID W. JACKSON

'Little White Lie' Pushes Historian To Find The Truth

By Tracy Allen
 CALL Staff Writer

For five generations local historian David W. Jackson's family has identified themselves as Caucasian. But Jackson knew there was more to it than either his parents or grandparents or other relatives wanted to admit.

An entire century had gone by and as far as the Jackson family was concerned, there was no need to research an unknown that some felt wasn't there.

But as an inquisitive 11-year-old living in Florida with his mother at the time, Jackson

always was interested in genealogy and that included finding out his own roots as a Caucasian pre-teen. Of course, the family secret that no one wanted to talk about, or admit, was something that Jackson felt he had to uncover.

Founder of The Orderly Pack Rat, Jackson is a local historian and preservationist; who, in the last 26 years, served as an archivist for Unity School of Christianity and the Jackson County Historical Society. He is the author of several books; his latest, *Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage*, is a biography of one of his most interesting ancestors, Jackson, whose family has identified as Caucasian for



ARTHUR JACKSON
 AND
 IDA JACKSON

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	Ellis		Skinner
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	Harris		Snowden
	Hayes	Blackwell, Conway Co.	Stewart
Lee Co.	Hill		Stitt
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	Marzett/Morissette		Washington
	Simpkins		Webb
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	Blair		Jones
	Brooks		Polk
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Huddleston
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White

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Spotsylvania Co.	Jackson
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Links to the Slave Narratives of the WPA

Names of those Interviewed for the Slave Narratives: A Complete List of 2,299 Names

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<http://www.american-slave.com/>



Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938 contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves. These narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and assembled and microfilmed in 1941 as the seventeen-volume *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves*. This online collection is a joint presentation of the Manuscript and Prints and Photographs Divisions of the Library of Congress and includes more than 200 photographs from the Prints and Photographs Division that are now made available to the public for the first time.

Search key words online at: <https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

Meet MAGIC President Preston Washington

Preston Washington has been MAGIC's President since 20XX. He guides the organization smoothly to further its mission!

Preston is also a volunteer Public Relations Director for Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA). There, "He is responsible for promoting the Association's objectives and goals through all available media, including print, sign, display, bulletin-board, broadcast, and internet sources, including [their] Facebook page. He has served in this capacity for the past three years.

"Preston Washington lives in Kansas City, Missouri and has been researching professionally for five years. His research specialties include African- Americans who were free before the Emancipation Proclamation and assisting African- Americans connect with their ancestry in the Cherokee and Muscogee-Creek Indian nations.

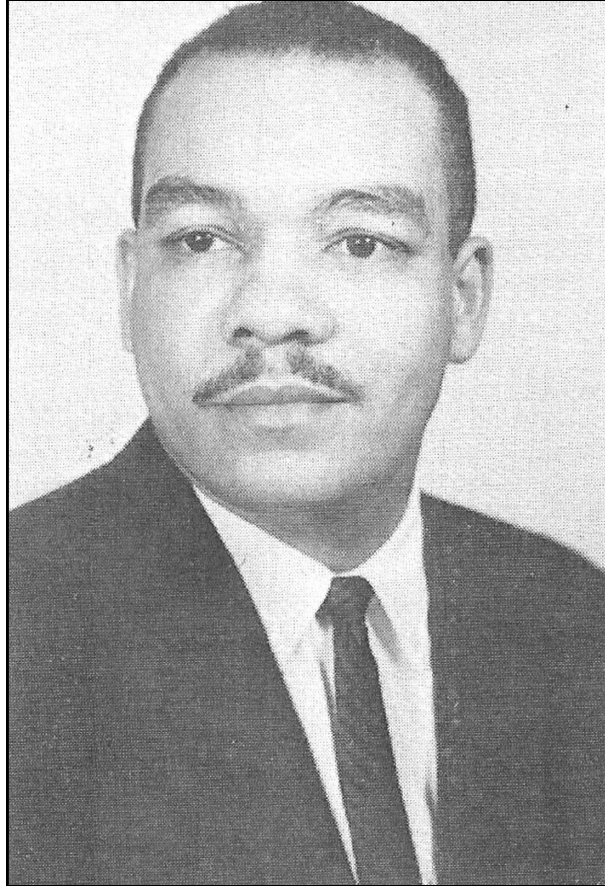
"Preston is currently creating an index of Choctaw freedmen enrolled in the nation by the Dawes Commission.

"Additionally he volunteers at his local genealogical library digitizing marriage, death, birth, and divorce data from local newspapers. Preston presented "It's All in the Records: Genealogical Research in Indian Territory" at the



August 2015
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Collins Anderson MAGIC Co-Founder Dies

Collins Fairfax Anderson, Jr. DDS, 83, Kansas City, Missouri, died January 27, 2016.

Visitation was from 9 a.m., and service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, at St. James United Methodist Church. Burial was in Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Collins was a co-founder of MAGIC in 1991, and was a cousin of current MAGIC member, Laura Caldwell. Our sympathies to Ms. Caldwell and entire family.

Collins Fairfax Anderson, Jr. "Buzzy" was born on September 17, 1932 in Kansas City, Missouri to Collins, Sr. and Ophelia Anderson. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Lewis Cecil Williams.

Buzzy attended Booker T. Washington and went on to attend R.T. Coles and Lincoln High School and Junior College graduating on June 7, 1949.

Buzzy began the pursuit of his college education in 1950 at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. He became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated in April 1953. The pursuit of Buzzy's college education was interrupted by his service in the United States Army in July 1953. He graduated as a Second Lieutenant from the United States Army Engineer School in Fort Belvoir, Virginia on June 25, 1954. Buzzy served as a Reserves Officer from 1954 until he was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant Engineering Unit Commander in 1956. He returned to Lincoln University graduating with a Bachelor's of Science Degree on June 3, 1957. Buzzy graduated from Howard University School of Dentistry in 1961 and passed the State of Missouri Dental Board Examination on November 20, 1961, becoming a Doctor of Dental Surgery.

In February of 1962, he opened his dental practice at 2722 Prospect Avenue, with office hours from 9:00 am to 7:30 pm. Buzzy was in private practice from 1961 until 1971 when he became the Chief of Dental Services for Model Cities Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center which later became Swope Health Services. While at Model Cities, he designed two dental clinics, one at 2310 E. Linwood Boulevard and one at 4900 Swope Parkway. He also served as a faculty member at UMKC in Dental Education from 1972 to 1980. He served on the medical staff as a dental surgeon for a number of Kansas City hospitals including St. Joseph Hospital, Queen of the World Hospital, Kansas City General Hospital and Medical Center, M. L. King Memorial Hospital and Truman Medical Center. A strong proponent for fluoride in drinking water, Buzzy was lauded for his tireless efforts to increase fluoride in the Kansas City water system which finally came to fruition in 1980. Buzzy was also a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association. He retired from private practice in 1995 when his eyesight failed. He went on to attend the Hines School for the Blind in Chicago Illinois and work at Gates Bar-B-Q.

Outside of his professional dental career, Buzzy had two passions, Genealogy and the Kansas City Chiefs. As a genealogist, he not only served as the family historian, but he was also very active in the Kansas City Missouri Historical and Genealogy Society, serving as its President at one time. He was instrumental in bringing Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, to Kansas City as a key note speaker in 1972. A master archivist, he was frequently sought after to speak and display his 40 panel genealogy exhibit.

Buzzy was a prolific writer of letters, white papers and articles. His writings often appeared in the Kansas City Star and other periodicals. If you knew Buzzy, you know he expressed his opinions and concerns freely. He shared his thoughts regarding politics, the U.S. economy and various other topics openly with friends and family and in numerous letters to the editor of the Kansas City Star.

Buzzy loved the Chiefs, serving several years as the team dentist performing minor surgery on the side lines including casting Fred Arbanas' thumb at one point. Buzzy attended the first Super Bowl football game – Kansas City Chiefs vs. Green Bay Packers on January 15, 1967 at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Buzzy leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Darryl Leon Anderson, Sr. (Kay) and Collins "Chip" Fairfax Anderson III (Mia); a sister, Sue Wheeler Kendrick (Lumas); three grandchildren, Darryl Leon Anderson, Jr., Caitlin Louise Anderson, Eric O.E. Anderson (Cassandra); three great grandchildren, Mason Robert Anderson, Lila Leona Anderson and Zaylah Louise Zornes; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Thank you to MAGIC member Benita Johnson for the invitation to present for OneHUD special events committee's African-American Heritage luncheon on Feb 23. Algy Mason and Lisa Davis tabled and presented at the Kansas City Regional Office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

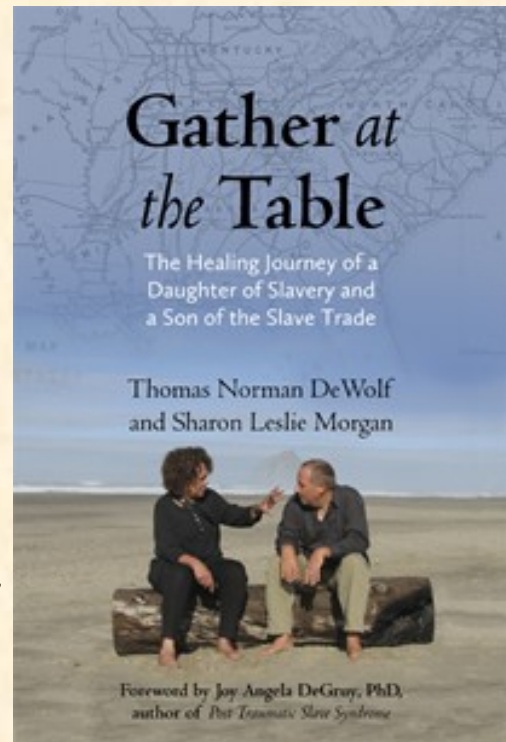


EXCELLENT BOOK ... A MUST READ

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MAGIC on Facebook A couple of popular stories covered recently

The State Historical Society of Missouri is presenting a program on the life and work of local African American photographer William L. Fambrough, Sr., on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 4:00 PM at the historic Second Baptist Church. William L. Fambrough, Sr. (1916-1983) was a staff photographer and an engraver for The Call newspaper for more than three decades. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Fambrough was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Missouri, and a veteran of World War II. He earned a degree in graphic arts from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, before joining the staff of The Call.

In his work as both a staff photographer for Kansas City’s leading African American newspaper and a freelance photographer, Fambrough captured people, places, and events both large and small, ordinary and extraordinary. “One-shot Fambrough” was known for his speed and skill. But beyond this, and perhaps more important, Fambrough was a trusted face behind the camera and truly became the community’s photographer.

The State Historical Society of Missouri, in collaboration with the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Black Archives of Mid-America, is presenting photographs by Fambrough as part of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art exhibit, Through the Lens: Visions of African American Experience, 1950-1970.

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In 1939 Lucile Bluford was accepted in the University of Missouri graduate program in the school of journalism. When she arrived, she was turned away. School officials did not realize she was African American. She filed several lawsuits in both state and Federal court.

To understand her case, one needs to understand the case of Lloyd Gaines. Gaines had sought acceptance to the University of Missouri’s law school in 1936. He was denied admission and filed a lawsuit in state court, which he lost. The NAACP took up his case and appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

On December 12, 1938, the Supreme Court ruled that the University of Missouri Law School had to admit Gaines, if there was no comparable legal education available to him in Missouri. In 1939 the Missouri legislature attempted to avoid the Court’s ruling by setting up a “separate, but equal” law school at Lincoln University in Jefferson City.

Gaines disappeared on March 19, 1939, never to be seen again.

It was in this atmosphere that Miss Bluford filed her various lawsuits.

Appealing a case at the state level, the Missouri Supreme Court affirmed the lower court’s decision and ruled that the State, by law, had ordered equal facilities for Negroes at Lincoln University. The Court said “It is the duty of this court to maintain Missouri’s policy of segregation. . .”

She also filed two suits in Federal court. All-white juries ruled against her both times.

Ultimately, the University of Missouri closed its Journalism School rather than admit her.

Miss Bluford went on to become the editor and publisher of the "Kansas City Call." In 1984 the University of Missouri awarded her the Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism. In 1989 the University awarded her an honorary doctorate degree.

View the entirety of Bluford's Federal suits:

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7403550>

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7403551>

Will You Help Make African American Freedmen's Bureau Records Searchable by November 2016 Goal?



41% done on 1/31
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WATCH EVENT 

On Saturday, September 5, 2015, MAGIC welcomed to the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, Sherri Camp, Genealogy Librarian at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library and President of the Kansas Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. Ms. Camp shared exciting news about the Freedmen's Bureau indexing project.

"The Freedmen's Bureau was organized near the end of the Civil War to assist newly freed slaves in 15 states and the District of Columbia. The bureau from 1865 to 1872 opened schools, managed hospitals, rationed food and clothing and performed marriages. During this time, the bureau gathered handwritten, personal information, such as marriage and family information, military service, banking, school, hospital and property records on about 4 million African-Americans." <http://cjonline.com/news/2015-06-19/topekan-helps-make-announcement-about-freedmens-bureau-project-which-helps-african>

If you are looking for a volunteer project, *"It only takes a little training for anyone with a computer and Internet access to join the project,"* You can **volunteer from home at your own pace and schedule** to help make MORE records accessible SOONER! *"It's very easy to pick up,"* Dave Thomason said of the process to help in the indexing effort. *"It's rewarding to know you are contributing to something that will last forever."*

To find out more about the Bureau's records, here are some good places to start:

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1997/summer/freedmens-bureau-records.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau/brochure.pdf>

A document explaining the MISSOURI field office records:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/microfilm/m1908.pdf>

[Midwest Genealogy Center has microfilm of one part of that bureau's records--"Records of the Freedman's [sic] Savings and Trust Company," one branch of which was in St. Louis. (There was no Kansas City branch.)]

Sign up to volunteer TODAY at discoverfreedmen.org