

THE CENTER FOR BLACK GENEALOGY

The Center for Black Genealogy is a non-profit educational, research, and cultural institution using genealogy to positively impact communities locally and around the globe.

Under the leadership of preeminent genealogist Tony Burroughs, the Center's genealogists will conduct classes, workshops, seminars, lectures, and host conferences designed to educate people on the science of genealogy and uncovering the ancestral heroes in their family trees. The Center will develop new methodologies, programs, technologies, products, and services to strengthen the growing field of Black Genealogy, as well as Black History, which will enhance the community. The vision for the future of the Center includes facilities that will house a museum, library, archives, preservation center, and video oral history studio. The Center will also develop genealogy curriculums for K-12 education.

THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE CENTER FOR BLACK GENEALOGY

The primary benefit of Center membership is the satisfaction you'll gain from a global effort to preserve the ancestry of people of African descent. So the greatest benefits are those in which you help others. By joining the Center you will help institutionalize Black genealogy, be a part of an innovative global institution, help make an impact in the community, and even help change people's lives. Other benefits include:

- Invitations to member only events
- Discounts on products and programs
- Genealogy Newsletter
- Tips and resources for tracing your family history
- Network with other genealogists
- Information on genealogy news and events
- Learn about the latest genealogy research

THE CENTER FOR BLACK GENEALOGY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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Home Phone () _____

Cell () _____

Email _____

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT (circle your payment type)

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Card No _____

Exp Date ____/____ Security Code _____

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Student Member • Member

Member Plus • Premium Member

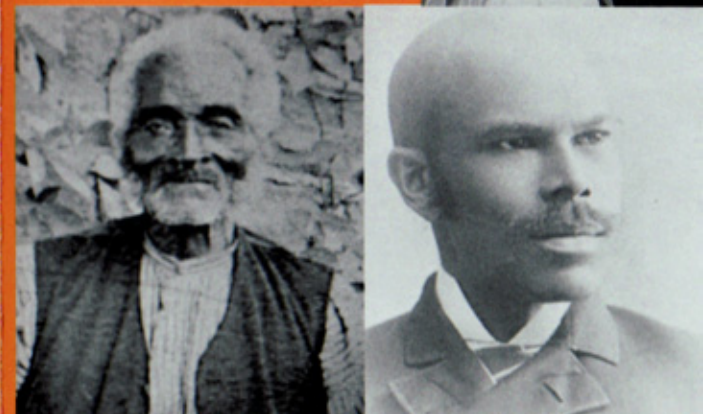
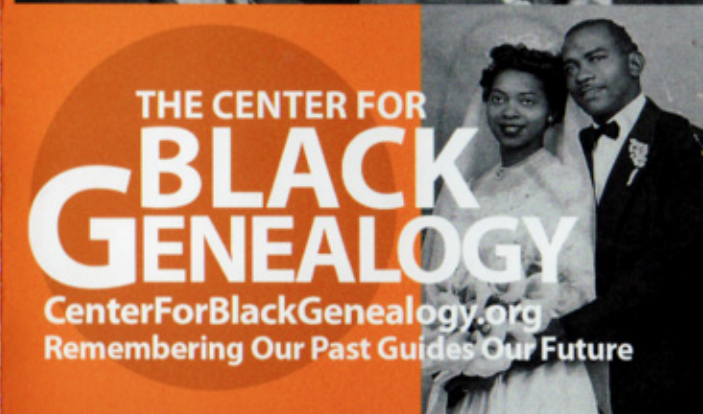
Executive Circle Member: **Silver Gold Platinum**

DONATION

\$10 ___ \$15 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ Other \$ _____

Mail Membership Form or Donation to:

The Center for Black Genealogy
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WHAT IS GENEALOGY?

Genealogy studies family ancestries and histories. Genealogy research teaches critical thinking and using primary documents to discern fact from myth. Genealogical research often adds to and corrects the historical record.

BLACK GENEALOGY

Black genealogy studies family ancestries and histories of people of African descent where ever they are in the world.

WHY IS BLACK GENEALOGY IMPORTANT?

People of African descent have been struggling with their identity since the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade more than 350 years ago. Answers to the most basic questions of humanity—Who am I? and What is my ethnicity?—begin with questions of genealogy: Who were my ancestors? and What were their beliefs, customs, and traditions? Black genealogy begins to answer these questions for people of African descent. Genealogy research often culminates in a love for history, pride in cultural heritage, self-esteem and confidence.

WHY SHOULD I EXPLORE MY GENEALOGY?

Understanding your genealogy helps you know yourself and your family history which enables you to understand the present and provide lessons for your future. Studying genealogy is fun, exciting, educational and leads to lifelong learning.

Remembering our past guides us to our future.

THE CENTER FOR BLACK GENEALOGY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The primary benefit of membership in The Center For Black Genealogy is the satisfaction of knowing you have supported the preservation and promotion of Black genealogy.

STUDENT MEMBER \$15/YR

Under the age of 25 with Student ID

Membership Includes:

- Membership card
- Electronic newsletter
- Invitations to member only events

MEMBER \$25/YR (\$45 TWO YEARS)

Membership Includes:

- Membership card
- Electronic newsletter
- Invitations to member only events

MEMBER PLUS \$50/YR (\$90 TWO YEARS)

Membership Includes:

- Choice of electronic or hard copy of quarterly newsletter
- 10% discount on seminars and field trips

PREMIUM MEMBER \$125/YR

Membership Includes:

- Same Member Plus and:
- Membership certificate
- Annual report
- Listing in annual report
- Priority registration to events
- 15% discount on seminars and field trips
- Membership pin

EXECUTIVE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIPS

Invitations to Executive Circle only events, receptions and tours

SILVER MEMBER \$500/YR

Membership Includes:

- Same as Premium Membership plus
- Silver membership card (plastic)
- 30 minute teleconference consultation with genealogist
- Autographed copy of Black Roots

GOLD MEMBER \$1000/YR

Membership Includes:

- Same as above plus
- Gold membership card (plastic)
- 20% discount on seminars, field trips
- 60 minute teleconference consultation with genealogist

PLATINUM MEMBER \$2500/YR

Membership Includes:

- Same as above
- Platinum membership card (plastic)
- Framed membership certificate
- 90 minute teleconference consultation with genealogist