# Documenting African American Milledgeville

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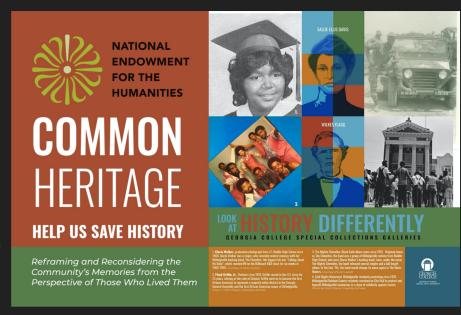
### About the Common Heritage Program

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) "Common Heritage" program supports community digitization and outreach events to increase public awareness and stewardship of heritage collections held by the public.

## About "Documenting African American Milledgeville"

This project will expand the community's cultural heritage by digitizing materials documenting the area's African American history. The opportunity to highlight the community's lived experience capitalizes upon existing community-led/involved efforts on this topic.

The original project dates were January 2019 - June 2020, however due to COVID-19, the grant period has been extended to June 30, 2021.



#### Planned Activities

- 1. Caring for Your Heritage Materials Workshop
- 2. History Harvest Days
- 3. Community History Panel
- 4. Exhibit

#### Workshop

Location: Allen's Market

 Speaker: Ms. Shanee' Murrain, former University Archivist, University of West Georgia (current Community Manager at the Digital Public Library of America)





#### History Harvest #1

Location: Collins P. Lee Center

Date: October 5, 2019

Harrisburg Community Festival





## History Harvest Day #2

Location: El Bethel Baptist Church

Date: March 5, 2020



## Challenges

- 1. Building Trust
- 2. Marketing
- 3. Scheduling
- 4. COVID-19

## Opportunities & Lessons Learned

- 1. Strategy, strategy, strategy
- 2. Value of diverse teams
- 3. Value of relationships
- 4. Value of collaborations
- 5. Residual opportunities

#### Questions

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