

AAHGS Metro Atlanta General Meeting

DATE March 23, 2024

TIME 1:00 PM EST

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Nefertiti Hawthorne

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 28

MEETING ETIQUETTE AND CONSENT TO RECORD

Instructions provided on etiquette and it was noted that the meeting would be recorded. Those who did not consent were asked to leave the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Finding your Buffalo Soldier Ancestor.

- **Buffalo Soldiers:** Nickname given by Native Americans to African American soldiers due to their bravery and resilience.
- **Formed:** 19th century after the Civil War to occupy freed African Americans and secure the American frontier.
- **Regiments:** 9th & 10th Cavalry, 24th & 25th Infantry (all segregated).
- **Roles:** Stagecoach guards, road/railroad builders, reservation security, National Park Rangers, firefighters, fought Native American tribes, participated in various wars.
- **Legacy:** Earned Medals of Honor, served with loyalty and distinction.

Additional Notes:

- The presenter will share personal research on their ancestor, Sergeant William Garr.
- A quiz will test attendees' knowledge on Buffalo Soldiers.

BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

- Minutes have been posted on website – please review and advise of any corrections.
- Financial report has been posted on website – please review and advise of any questions.

- Current members: 90

- Website for Chapter information: use the chapter website for the latest information and happenings within the chapter. The website is <https://www.aahgsatl.org>. Also, go to national website for national information including AAHGS Journal & Newsletters – <https://www.aahgs.org/>
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were announced with their regular meeting times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New members: None
- **The Lemon Project Conference/Symposium:**
 - This seems to be related to researching enslaved people and their descendants associated with William and Mary.
 - Check your email for information on registering (if applicable).
- **Presentation: Emma Davis and Jackie: "Lesser Known Women Who Shaped African American History"**
 - This free presentation will highlight influential African American women who are not as widely known as Rosa Parks or Harriet Tubman.
 - Location: Stone Crest Library, Date: Tuesday, March 26th, Time: 6:30 PM.
 - The presentation will be focused and concise due to the large number of women who qualify.
 - There will be a specific focus on Claudette Colvin and her role in the Civil Rights Movement, potentially clearing up misconceptions about Rosa Parks.

NEXT MEETING

No meeting will be in April Bernice Bennett.

Meeting adjourned.