

CONGRATULATIONS!
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
275TH ANNIVERSARY

*A Committee Resolution from the African-American History
Committee of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia*

*As members of the African American- History
Committee (AAHC) we resolve to continue to
support all activities that honor and recognize
the contributions of African Americans who have
resided in Chesterfield County and have left a
legacy of impact on Chesterfield County.*

As a conclusion to the official celebration of the 275th Anniversary of the founding of Chesterfield County, VA, please enjoy reading some brief highlights describing two decades of contributions from the volunteers of the African American History Committee. AAHC will continue the important and necessary work of celebrating all the history of Chesterfield County, VA.
(Assorted images in a separate file)

Part 1: 2001-2014

2001 Lunchtime Lecture Series: “Old Jeb: A Slave Speaks on Old Chesterfield”, presented by Mr. Wali Brandon. A presentation by our Society’s important new committee, the African American Historical Committee; the role of African Americans here in Chesterfield County. Later named African-American History Committee (AAHC)

2006 Bermuda Hundred-Blessing of the Land, Bermuda Hundred Village – Brenda Friend Briggs, November 23, 2006.

2007 Bermuda Hundred Day: 4 Part Program which included the printing of the Bermuda Hundred Brochure, The Unspoken History Speaks

2008 FourScore and More Project: Identifying African-Americans 80 years old and over to capture memories of their early education and the struggles/challenges experienced - **ONGOING**

2009 Black History Month Program: **Carver High School** exhibit at the County Museum

2010 Black History Month Programs: Exhibits, Lecture, and Community Event

“Early African-American Churches in Chesterfield County: Weaving History”, exhibit opened on Feb. 6 at the County Museum

2010 Presentation to CHSV reference library, a compilation of seventeen (17) early church histories. This is part of an ongoing project to collect and archive the detailed church histories that form a valuable resource on African-American Churches

2010 “Early African-American Churches in Chesterfield County” Part I by Bernard R. Anderson is published in CHSV quarterly newsletter, *The Messenger*, July 2010; Part 2 in October 2010

2011 Chesterfield Historical Society Opens Black History Month Exhibit Featuring Oral Histories of African American Elders on February 5th entitled, *FourScore & More* (FSM) at the County Museum.

2012 Chesterfield Historical Society will honor Black History Month with the opening on February 4th an exhibit entitled, *FourScore & More Pt. 2* at the County Museum

January 2012: The FSM Pt 1 and Pt. 2 Oral Histories: the first published article which precedes a series of articles published in *The Messenger*-prepared and submitted by Audrey Ross and Sarah Gregory.

April 2013: ”*FourScore & More Pt. 2*”, *The Messenger* Newsletter article written by Glenda McEachern.

February 1, 2014: The official opening of the “**African-American Schools in Chesterfield County during the Segregated Era**” exhibit at the Chesterfield County Museum.

February 17, 2014: Sarah Bloom, Chanel 12 News Coverage at the **First Public opening of Pleasant View**: Facilitator, Glenda McEachern and Interviewee, Sarah Gregory.

Part 2: 2015- 2024

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 - “Open House” Tours of Historic Pleasant View School

Annual- Participation in Virginia State University Black History Month Breakfast Observances

Annual –Speakers provided for Chesterfield County Museum’s “Black History Month Lectures Series”

2015-Feb. “Cornelius Mimms a Legend and Legacy” Exhibit, County Museum. Open. Mr. Mimms was the first African American to serve on the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors.

2016- Presentations to Manchester and Thomas Dale Students Bernard Anderson, Charlotte Wood and Rev. H. Townes on topic of “Segregation during Civil Rights Era”

April 2017- Pleasant View School received Chesterfield County Historical Landmark Status

2017- Suggestions for African-American Genealogical Research: Especially in Virginia, By Tim Wilson

2018- Presentation of Chart of 178 African American World War 1 Veterans

2021- Dec. “African-American History Committee (AAHC) of Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV)” - historical notes spiral binder, compiled and developed by Cornelia Owens Goode, AAHC Chair May 2009-March 2014, donated to the CHSV’s Library and AAHC.

2022- Oct. 22 Marker Dedication Ceremony for Historic Pleasant View School,

2023- Oct. 23 -“Unveiling Ceremony of Cornelius Mimms Exhibit” The first permanent exhibit in the County Museum to feature an African American Chesterfield resident.

2024 – February “Segregated Schools Exhibit – Brightpoint Community College; Original images upgraded (from paper) to museum quality display exhibit boards which can be used as a traveling exhibit.

2024 June “Segregated Schools of Chesterfield County Public Schools”
Exhibit – Midlothian Library
AAHC’s Juneteenth Videos of historic sites in Chesterfield and
intergenerational interview about the origin of Juneteenth featuring Marcia
Cummings and Charlotte, her granddaughter.

2023-2024 - Enslaved Gravesites - Research of Winterpock; Part 1 and 11
Publications in Messenger by Elizabeth Harris, support of CHSV/AAHC

2024- July-September

**Research and work on Application for a Marker for First Baptist
Church Bermuda Hundred**, recognizing its history and the site’s
significance to trade of Enslaved Africans in Chesterfield County.