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## **Baobab Tree**

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## The West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California Inc., in cooperation with the California African American Genealogical Society, the San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group, and the Seattle Black Genealogy and Research Group, present the first annual West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy.

**General Information** (See registration form on page three of this newsletter).

**Dates:** Saturday, March 31, 2001

Target Audience: General Audience

**Time:** 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Phone:** (510) 832-5146

**Location:** We The People Conference Center

#### Ticket Information

**Price:** \$25 per person on or before March 5, 2001 or \$35 per person after March 5, 2001. Register for the Summit by clic king the Online Tickets link above.

#### **Event Details/Other Comments:**

West Coast Summit Workshop Schedule

Summit Workshops and Keynote Luncheon are on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited. We recommend you register early. All Workshop participants have a choice of attending any four of these workshops:

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Reconstructing the Black Towns of Kansas and

Oklahoma

Speaker: Paul D. Lee, AAGSNC

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Topic: Mississippi Connections

Speakers: Dr. Denise Griggs and Barbara Tyson - AAGSSac

(Sacramento)

12:00 - 01:30 p.m.

Keynote/Luncheon with Dee Parmer Woodtor, Ph.D., author of "Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity." (See Biographical Sketch below)

1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

**Topic: Migration Patterns** 

Speaker: Margaret Lewis - SDAAGRG (San Diego)

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Topic: Documentation and Evidence

Speaker: Ron Batiste - CAAGS (Los Angeles)

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California sponsors this event with participation by members from the California African American Genealogical Society, the San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group, and the Seattle Black Genealogy and Research Group. The We The People Conference Center is conveniently located directly across the street from the Jack London Square Amtrak station. Your registration fee includes admission to all workshops, luncheon, and workshop materials.

For additional information please contact Lisa Lee, AAGSNC Program Director, at (510) 832-5146 or sweetlisa@yahoo.com.



## Dee Parmer Woodtor, Ph.D. A Biographical Sketch

Dee Parmer Woodtor is a Chicago-based writer, independent researcher, and part-time college instruct. Her first children's book, Big

Meeting, was published by Atheneum, a division of Simon & Schuster, in 1996. Her second book, Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African American Genealogy and Historical Identity, was published by Random House in February, 1999. Finding A Place Called Home is the recipient of a BCALA (Black Caucus of the American Library Association) 2000 Literary Award as a nonfiction honor book. Woodtor was educated at the University of Illinois at Urbana and Northwestern University where she received a Ph.D. in Political Science with a specialization in African politics. Woodtor is currently working on several projects, including a new book whose topic relates to the relationship between Africans and African Americans. Woodtor also serves as the coordinator for the Slave Ship Manifest Transcription Project at Afrigeneas.com, a project she initiated in early 1999 and for which she constantly seeks volunteers.

#### President's Message

This year promises to be a year full of exciting programs and events. Some are still conceptual, with implementation planned for later in the year.

We know, for sure, that we are on the threshold of what can be considered to be the region's major event in African American genealogy. AAGSNC has the distinct privilege of hosting the first West Coast African American Genealogical Summit. It will be the first time the region's African American societies have come together for a day of seminars and information sharing. Dee Parmar-Woodtor, author of the highly acclaimed genealogical reference, "Finding A Place Called Home," will be the principal speaker.

Mills College will be the setting for Karen Clifford's April seminar. This will be her second lecture at Mills College, Oakland, CA. This year's seminar is cosponsored by the California Genealogical Society, the East Bay Genealogical Society and AAGSNC. Many will recall her resounding her resounding 1999 seminar, "Researching Virginia With Emphasis on African American Genealogy."

Our monthly meetings continue to be excellent, as evidenced by our last three programs. I'm sure those who attended will echo this sentiment.

The Oklahoma Research Group's focus on that state was truly a collaborative effort -- a true "Oklahoma Show and Tell" experience. Barbara Dunn's "Researching Court House Records" provided excellent information for both the beginning and the experienced researcher. Electra Price's overview of research group utilization presented a framework for standardized Research Group procedure.

The life's blood of any nonprofit organization, such as ours, is the willingness oof its membership to offer the time that is required to staff both the efforts mentioned above and those being planned. You are encouraged to participate by volunteering your time and effort for programs as they occur. Remember: this is your organization and its vitality and responsiveness to collective needs, is mirrored by a proactive membership.

The other sorely needed component vital to the survival of any organization is money. Presently, the major portion of our funding comes from membership fees. It is that time of the year again, and 2001 membership fees are now due. Membership fees may now be paid on line, as well as by the conventional method. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.aagsnc.org">http://www.aagsnc.org</a> for dues payment instructions. Let's all work to make 2001 even more productive than last year.

Ranie G. Smith

## The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company:

**Registers of Signatures of Depositors** 

By Juliet Crutchfield

The registers are extremely valuable for locating African Americans and are contained in the Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, (Record Group 101). They are a rich genealogical source. Because each account applicant was required to provide specific information, these registers are often researcher gold mines. Each entry contains genealogical information, although the amount varies by depositor. If you suspect an individual, ancestor, or collateral relative deposited money in the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company (Freedman's Bank), you **must** examine these records.

As an independent entity, the Freedman's Bank was established and incorporated March 3, 1865 in Washington, DC. The bank was not directly supervised by the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (Freedmen's Bureau). The Freedman's Bank was organized to benefit freed slaves, former military employees, and United States Colored Troops. Military personnel could deposit their savings, salary, or bounty pay.

The National Archives houses the registers, as part of Microfilm Series M 816. This microfilm series captures information contained in 55 volumes of depositors in 29 Bank branches from 1865-1874. You can also access these records through the Family History Library.

Microfilm records exists for Huntsville and Mobile, Alabama; Little Rock, Arkansas; Washington, DC; Tallahassee, Florida; Atlanta, Augusta, and Savannah, Georgia; Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; New Orleans and Shreveport, Louis iana; Baltimore, Maryland; Columbus, Natchez, and Vicksburg, Mississippi; St. Louis, Missouri; New York, New York; New Bern, Raleigh, and Wilmington, North Carolina; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Beaufort and Charleston, South Carolina; Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee; and Lynchburg, Norfolk, and Richmond, Virginia. The registers are arranged alphabetically by state, then city, then by date an account was opened, and finally by account number. Many account numbers are missing, a few are out of sequence, and in some, blocks of numbers remained unused.

Account application forms include space for the depositor's name, entry date, birth place, place where brought up, residence, age, complexion, occupation, employer's name, spouse, children, parents, siblings, including half brothers and sisters, remarks, and signature. Because husbands and wives may be named, a couple without a recorded marriage can be located. Many registers provide the wife's maiden name or you may be able to infer it from other given information. Many depositors signed their names. (continued on page 7)



#### REGISTRATION FORM

Early Discount Deadline March 5, 2001

## West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy

March 31, 2001 • We The People Conference Center • 200 Harrison St, Oakland, CA
- directly across the street from Oakland's Jack London Square Amtrak station

1. Attendee Int	formation
Fill out the form com	pletely. Please use one form per person. Make photocopies for additional people.
First Name	M.I Last Name
Address	Today's Date
City	State Zip Code
Telephone -	Ext. eMail Address
2. Workshop S	chedule
Summit Workshops	and Keynote Luncheon are on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited. We recommend you register ear
TIME	WORKSHOP
Workshop materials	are included in your registration fee. Audio tapes will be available for sale the day of the Summit.
8:30 - 10:00	"Genealogical Timelines" Presentor: , Margaret Lewis, San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group
10:15 - 11:45	"Reconstructing the Black Towns of Kansas and Oklahoma" Presentor: Paul D. Lee, AAGSNC
NOON - 1:30	KEYNOTE/Luncheon w/ Dee Parmer Woodtor, author of "Finding a Place Called Home"
1:45 - 3:15	"Mississippi Connections" Presentors: Dr. Denise Griggs and Barbara Tyson - African American Genealogical Society of Sacramento
3:30 - 5:00	"Documentation and Evidence" Presentor: Ron Batiste, California African American Genealogical Society (Los Angeles)
5:30 - 8:00	Genealogy Show & Tell, Marriot Hotel, downtown Oakland - Mezzanine EVERYONE WELCOME
3. Payment In	formation - Payment must accompany form for registration to be complete. \$20 fee for returned checks.
Your registration for	ee includes admission to all workshops, luncheon, and workshop materials.
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Payment Options:	Send your check payable to AAGSNC to the address below,     If you prefer to pay with your MasterCard or Visa, you must register online at aagsnc.org.
Property Agency	form and payment to: AAGSNC • PO Box 27485 • Oakland, CA 94602-0985 or REGISTER ONLINE at aagsnc.org For additional information, please call: Lisa B. Lee (510) 832-5146

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## Keynote Luncheon Speaker:

### Dr. Dee Parmer Woodtor

Author of "Finding A Place Called Home"

8:30-10:00	Reconstructing the Black Towns of Kansas and Oklahoma	
	Paul D. Lee-AAGSNC (Oakland)	

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EARLY REGISTRATION - \$25.00 PER PERSON

LATE REGISTRATION (AFTER MARCH 5) - \$35.00 PER PERSON

REGISTRATION INCLUDES ALL WORKSHOPS, LUNCHEON, AND WOLKSHOP MATERIALS

Register Online: AAGSNC.ORG For additional Information: Call Lisa B. Lee @ \$10.832.5146

## **Membership Corner**

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ron Batiste - Herbert Nelson Mitchell Linda Bradley - Norman Lee LeeAndra McDaniel - Annette Madden Terris McMahan Grimes - Rosemary Lee Lou W. Robinson - Dorris Caradine Mary Wilkes - Bob Geder

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#### **MEETINGS**

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California meets every third Saturday of at the

Oakland Public Library, Diamond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland, CA.

Meeting time is 1:30 pm. until 3:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on:

April 21, 2001

## **2001 AAGSNC Newsletter Publication Schedule**

QuarterDeadline for ArticlesPublication Date1stJanuary 25February 62ndApril 26May 13rdJuly 26August 74thOctober 25November 6

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

(for the forth quarter 2000 and first quarter 2001)

#### October:

Fred Blanchard Oct 14 Shirley Evans Oct 20 Lisa B. Lee Oct 24 Arthur Stewart Oct 27 A. Chinita Trotter Oct 14 Harriett A. Jackson Oct 29 Glen Law Oct 26 Carol Ann Miller Oct 28 A. Chinita Trotter Oct 14 Marcia Fitten Oct ?

#### November:

Karim Al-Rand Nov 18 Mignon M. Brown Nov 15 Marcheta Mines Nov 14 Jim Neal Nov 21 Linda Kay Smith Nov 1 Thelma L. Fraziear Nov 16 William Reed Nov 8

#### December:

RoseMary Lee Dec? Terris McMahan Grimes Dec 5
Julia A. Lockert Baker Dec 14
Trudy Bradfield Taliaferro Dec 5
Herbert Nelson Mitchell Dec 3 Anthony Otis Dec 20
Ranie G. Smith Dec 14 Jackie Stewart Dec 2
Carole Neal Dec 12 Albert Mayfield Dec 2
Samuel L. Golden Dec 14 Cornell Celestine Dec 17
Ralph Evans Dec 15 Janet Keys Benson Dec 4

#### January:

Ronald W. Higgins Jan 13 Michelle Le Doux Jan 12 Kristen B. McCannon Jan 14 Minnette B. Murphy Jan 25 Melvin Stewart Jan 25 Mary Frances Taylor Jan 31 Frances O. Huston Jan 8 Virginia Johnson Jan 15

#### February:

Cynthia Grady Feb 2 K'ren Johnson Feb 4 Lee R. Loche Feb 9 Kathryn B. Smith Feb 17 Richard Wilson Feb 16 LeeAndra McDaniel Feb 11

#### March:

Leonard Brown Mar 11 Robert L. Harris Mar 4 Antoinette Livramento Mar 12 Muslimah Salaam Mar 21 Michele Wms-Smith Mar 4 Bomani Siwatu Mar 13 Cleveland Smith March 21 Barbarella Magloire Mar 3

#### **AAGSNC On-Line Store**

The AAGSNC Store online is now open for business. Items currently available for purchase include books and genealogy software. African artwork and AAGSNC t-shirts will be added soon. Look for additional products to be added in the future.

By making your purchases through the AAGSNC Store you will be supporting the non-profit mission and goals of the Society. For example, if you purchase through our store the new book BLACK ROOTS: A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO TRACING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY TREE by Tony Burroughs, AAGSNC will earn a commission.

Use your credit card to make online purchases. Visit the AAGSNC Store Now! http://www.aagsnc.org/store/About Security . . .

Credit card processing for Affiliate program items (books, software, etc.) is handled by the respective merchants (Amazon.com, Genealogy.com, etc.). All merchants use secure encryption keys to transmit information.

The AAGSNC Store uses the PayPal secure credit card processing service for items sold directly by AAGSNC (Artwork, t-shirts, etc.). Only Visa and MasterCard are accepted. You can view PayPal's security statement here:

http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=p/gen/security-outside

#### **AAGSNC On-Line Dues Payment**

AAGSNC Members can also pay their annual membership dues on line. Check out the "Register on-line" button on the AAGSNC web site or follow this link http://www.aagsnc.org/membership/index.htm Perspective members may also use this link to apply for membership on line and pay the required dues.

#### **DNA & Genealogy**

We recently received this e-mail message from Ms. Pearl Duncan (Editor.).

"I have written a book about using nicknames, genealogy and DNA to trace my ancestors to Africa. The book will be published next year, but I have a Web site, and I am a speaker with American Program Bureau.

Please review the articles and see if you wish to link your members and visitors to this site. I am an author with a busy schedule, but I answer questions genealogists have about DNA ancestral testing.

Thanks, Pearl Duncan http://www.pearlduncan.com "

#### The Sojourn Project

The Sojourn Project is a civil rights education project that takes high school students from around the nation to historical civil rights landmarks throughout the South. From time to time, we use newsletter@sojournproject.org to publicize our program and encourage involvement from the African-American community. For more information about the program, please visit http://www.sojournproject.org.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT SUPPORTS CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION PROJECT IN BROOKLYN

For Immediate Release – January 30, 2001 BROOKLYN, N.Y. -- On the eve of Black History Month, the New York chapter of the Sojourn civil rights project today proudly announced the receipt of a grant from the Independence Community Foundation (ICF) that will underwrite a Brooklyn public high school student for a 10-day travel-study program to civil rights landmarks in the South. The student will join a group of New York City and California students who qualify for expeditions scheduled for spring 2001. In addition to this student scholarship, the ICF grant will provide organizational support for Sojourn to present a course on civil rights history to students from Brooklyn high schools and non-profit programs. Marilyn G. Gelber, Executive Director of ICF. said: "Independence Foundation is pleased to support such a worthy project. We are particularly delighted that this \$5,000 grant will allow a Brooklyn student to explore firsthand the roots of our nation's civil rights movement and personally observe the extraordinary change that leaders like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. helped to bring about. By understanding history, young people will be better prepared to combat bigotry today."

ICF's advocacy on behalf of Sojourn has been a vital factor in successfully introducing the project to Brooklyn and its broad network of philanthropic support. According to Sojourn board member NY State Assemblyman Roger Green (57<sup>th</sup> AD), "The staff at ICF vetted the program as it rolled out in Brooklyn last summer. Then they pledged their support. And then they went the extra mile, providing introductions to other supporters. Without the foresight and generosity of ICF, Sojourn's presence in New York would still be a dream. ICF made it real." Mr. Green chairs the Assembly Committee on Children & Families in Albany.

Sojourn provides an opportunity for high school students from New York City, San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles to travel to the South and study the civil rights era in intimate settings. The program's itinerary includes Washington DC, Atlanta, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, Jackson, Little Rock and Memphis. By way of a "living history" syllabus — books, documentaries, recordings and on-site visits with civil rights veterans — les-

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Others made a mark. Such notation gives the researcher clues to the account holder's literacy level.

Military units, schools, churches, and other organizations may be listed. A few White individuals are included in the registers. Some accounts give the depositor's first, middle, and surname. Such detailed information is useful in distinguishing one individual from another, discovering full given names when only initials are known, and showing family naming patterns. A remark's line may include individuals eligible to remove money from the account or a depositor's Civil War military unit. In the remark's space, depositors frequently named the city residence of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, grandparents, in-laws, and whether they were living or dead. You may find a plantation and a former slave owner's name.

For many researchers, these records lead to specific information on ancestors and collateral relatives for the critical period just after the Civil War. For others these accounts are extremely useful in finding general information and new research leads.

A New Orleans, Louisiana Freedman's Bank record can be viewed by clicking on Edward Major.

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sons of tolerance, nonviolence, personal courage, compassion, forgiveness, faith, hope, justice and civic responsibility are imparted during expeditions. John Lewis (U.S. Congressman), Myrlie Evers-Williams (Medgar Evers' widow), members of the Little Rock Nine, voting rights pioneer Robert Moses, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth (leader of the 1963 Birmingham movement), Chris McNair (father of one of four little girls killed in a Birmingham church bombing) and Martin Luther King III, among others, meet with students and teachers during their many stops through the South.

civil rights expeditions. More than 665 participants have met with civil rights veterans who have shared the program's ethical lesson plans. By the end of this school year, Sojourn will have served more than 1000 students. To visit Sojourn's Web site, click: <a href="https://www.sojournproject.org">www.sojournproject.org</a>. To visit the Web site of the Independence Community Foundation, click: <a href="https://www.icfny.org">www.icfny.org</a>.

"Until justice rolls down like waters

and righteousness like a mighty stream."

## AAGSNC Member, Lisa Lee, Appointed to CGS Board of Directors

AAGSNC Member, Lisa Lee has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the California Genealogical Society for a two year term. Ms. Lee, during her tenure with AAGSNC has show herself to be a committed and energetic worker who knows no bounds in getting the job done.

Ms. Lee will also continue her activities with AAGSNC during this period including her well documented work in organizing and overseeing the West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy. The Summit (the brain child of AAGSNC cofounder Electra Kimble Price) will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2001 at "We the People Conference Center" in Oakland. CA.

## TWO AAGSNC MEMBERS AWARDED THE BAOBAB AWARD

Two members of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California Inc. (AAGSNC) Were awarded the first annual Baobab Tree Awards for outstanding service to the AAGSNC.

Member Carole Neal was presented the award by President Ranie G. Smith for her outstanding contribution to the organization as Recording Secretary and former Membership Chairperson.

Member Jim Neal was presented the award by President Ranie G. Smith for his outstanding contribution to the organization as Webmaster and Third Vice-President.

## AAGSNC March 17,2000 Meeting Cancelled

Due to the West Coast Summit and the

Finding Your Roots: African American Family History Research event,

There will not be a AAGSNC Regular Membership meeting on March 17, 2001. The next Regular membership meeting will be held on April 21, 2001, at the Oakland Public Library, Diamond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Ave.,
Oakland, CA

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

African-American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC)

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	FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (spouse)	\$30/year
	YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (16 & under	er) \$10/year
	ORGANIZATION	\$40/year
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$200
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# WHAT DO FINNISH, AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND NATIVE AMERICANS HAVE IN COMMONS



# "All races, colors, or creeds... Finding what you need electronically"

PRESENTOR: KAREN CLIFFORD, AG

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2001 1:00PM - 4:00 PM

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#### Karen Clifford, AG

President and CEO of Genealogy Research Associates, Inc., (est. 1985), is an Instructor in full-semester on-line genealogy courses at Monterey Peninsula College, CA. The author of five college textbooks on genealogy and credentialing in genealogy, and the immediate past president of the Utah Genealogical Association, she also serves on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and is the 2002 Director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Karen is a frequent lecturer, and avid professional researcher.







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In Quest of Ancestors



#### Did You Know?

The African American Civil War Memorial is creating the African American Civil War Memorial Registry of Descendants. Are you related to one of the 209,000 soldiers who served with United States Colored Troops in the Civil War? Your input is needed visit: http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/

#### Remember!

February is Black History month.

Celebrate your <u>personal</u> history through genealogical research. Contact the African American Genealogy Society of Northern California Inc., to learn how.

## ., 184 LAWS OF VIRGINIA,

Prom Rev. Bills of 1779, ch. LIV.

#### CHAP. LXXVIII.

An act declaring what persons shall be deemed mulattoes.

Who deemed mulattoes

1. BE it enacted by the General Assembly, That every person of whose grandfatters or grandmothers any one is, or shall have been a negro, although all his other progenitors, except that descending from the negro, shall have been white persons, shall be deemed a mulatto; and so every person who shall have one-fourth part or more of negro blood, shall, in like manner, be deemed a mulatto.

Commencement of act

II. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.