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Buffalo Quarters Historical Society

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BUFFALO Quarters Implementation

3/21/95

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A. Mission Statement: *Journe*

B. Vis. on - Empower our young Black people to be proud of their heritage and themselves and their City

C. Goal - a. make this event an annual occurrence
b. Purchase ~~Healthy~~ ^{Healthy} House \$25,000 and convert into a historical/special events/study building.

1. Honor 7 individuals per year - Muslim leads this year
2. Next year honor: Rev. Smith
3. Book that talk about us, 2 schools that dinner will be for, [Buffalo Quarters]
 - ⓐ Nile Valley
 - ⓑ St. John's Academy.

first named 6 people persons.

Bio's & pictures of the 7 honorees.
Video possibilities - Sandy.

4. First Board meetg we need at least ^{3/29/95} "50" ^{more} people who we can touch: That will be ready to disseminate information
i. To be available:

Names, addresses, telephone #'s to be kept by immediate committee.

A/ Request 2 or 3 people from each church.
Bethesda church is one.

5. A ^{Form} letter to church requests 3 to 5 volunteers to work on program/project

6. Funding/ Fund Raising:

- Donated services from Churches - Manpower
- Have a Boat: Sheriff's Boat
- 3 signatures for checks - Mrs. Ballew, James, Ann
- Book keeper - divorced from money handling only
- Receipts of assets - will also give receipts at every board meetg.
- Charles ~~at~~ will report on possible funds -
- Underground R.R. movie - Cattrell - Buffalo showing. - SANDY

Names For Healthy House:

• Buffalo Quarters - non profit Organization
~~Healthy~~ Historical Institute

• Confirmed date 8/25-26/95

• Proclamation by Mayor of City

BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

Board of Directors Meeting

Date:

Saint John Baptist Church
6:00 PM

(Please place a check by your name)

1. Mr. George K. Arthur
2. Dr. Monroe Fordham
3. Dr. Imani Fryar
4. Mr. Kevin Cottrell
5. Ms. Lillion Batchelor
6. Ms. Virginia Batchelor
7. Mr. Charley H. Fisher III
8. Ms. Ann P. Smith
9. Ms. Sandy White
10. Mr. Patrick Wilson
11. Ms. Patricia A. Ragin
12. Dr. Lorraine Peeler
13. Ms. Tyonna Batchelor

P. Charles Wilson
March 21, 1995

What role did Buffalo's African Americans play in the lives of:

Joseph Ellicot
Peter Porter
August Porter
Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry
Millard Fillmore
Abraham Lincoln
William McKinley
Theodore Roosevelt
Grover Cleveland
John Fosdick

How did Buffalo's African Americans affect the movements in the United States:

Liberty Party
Republican Party
Suffragist movement
NAACP
Colored Convention movement
African Methodist movement
Literary movement
Colored Women movement

What does Buffalo's African Americans have in common with African Americans in the United States:

Jackie Robinson
Frederick Douglass
Henry Highland Garnet
Leontine Price
Colin Powell

Events and Places:

Vine Street
Doug's Dive
Civil War riots
Dock riots
Foot of Ferry
Gold Rush
Emancipation Proclamation
Passage of Constitutional Amendments
1st and 2nd Fugitive Slave Acts
Michigan Avenue Baptist church
Pan American Exposition

Colored Methodist church
Linwood c Utica
Eagle house

Honorable Professions of the 1800's:

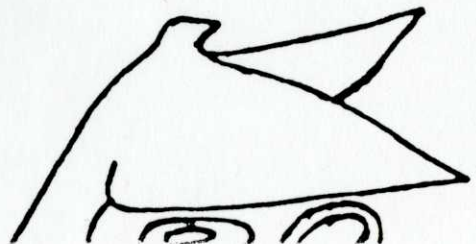
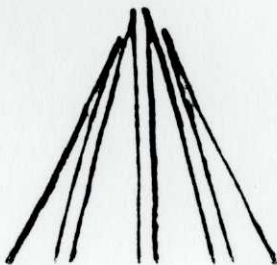
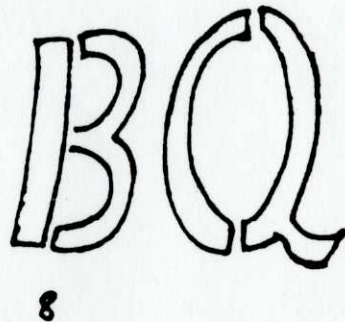
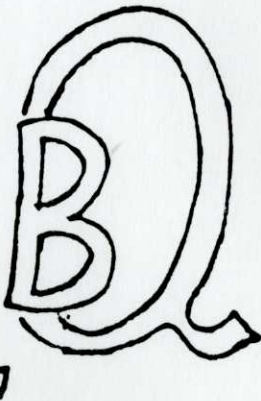
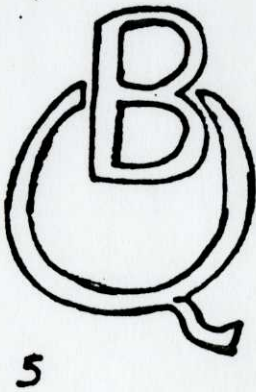
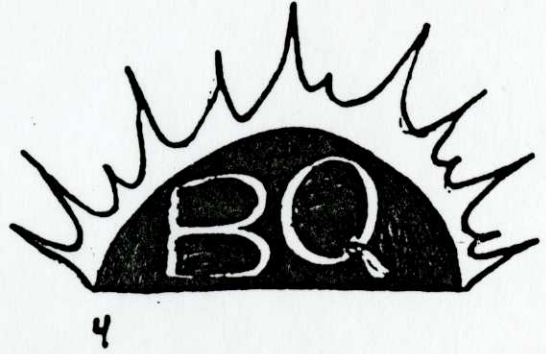
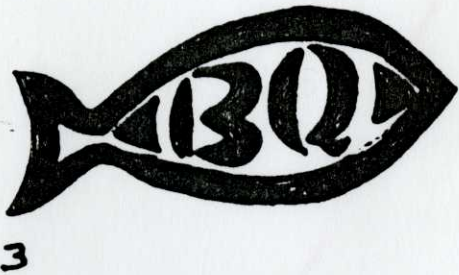
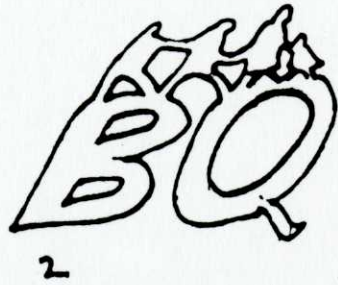
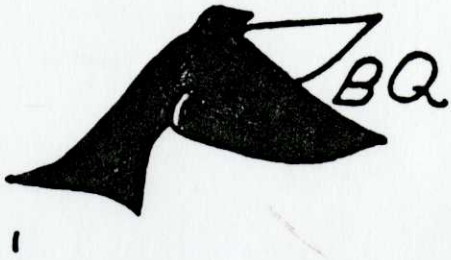
Realty
Barber
Portrait painter
Police men
Singers/musicians/dancers/poets
Cooks
Seamen]
Carpenters
Tailors
Shoe makers
Soldiers

Life styles of the Rich and not so famous:

Who was the first African American doctor in Buffalo?
Who became millionaires?
Who became major realtors?
Who was the first town crier?
What was the major profession for African Americans in Buffalo?

What does these prominent African Americans have to do with Buffalo:

Matthew Henson
Mary Talbert
William Wells Brown
Josiah Henson
Robert Talbert
Henry Moxley
W.E.B. Dubois
William Monroe Trotter



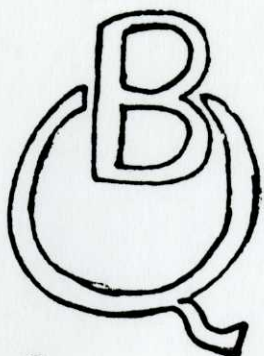
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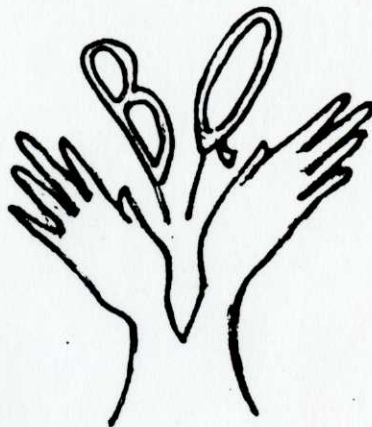
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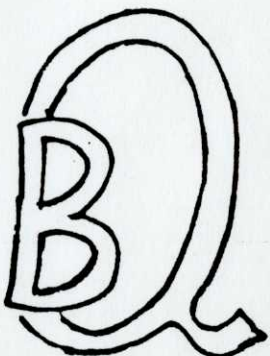
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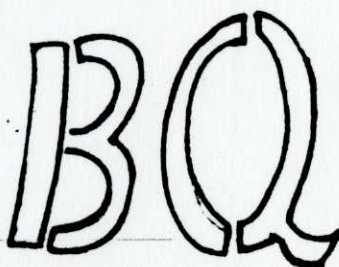
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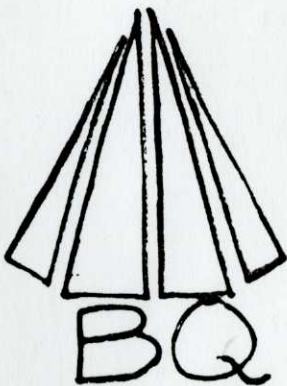
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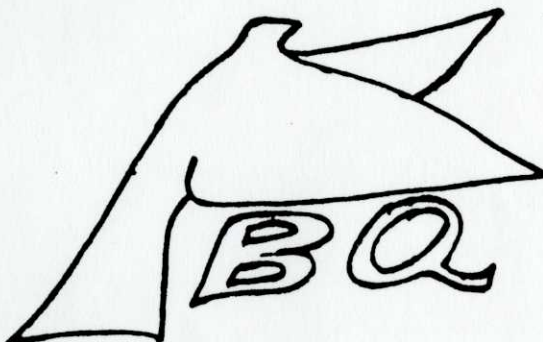
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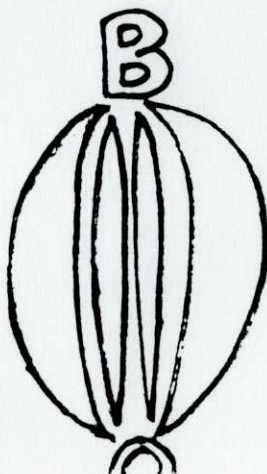
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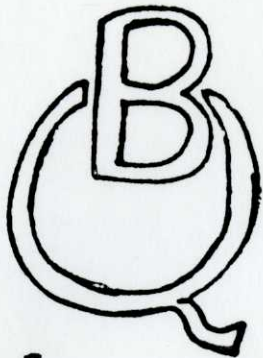
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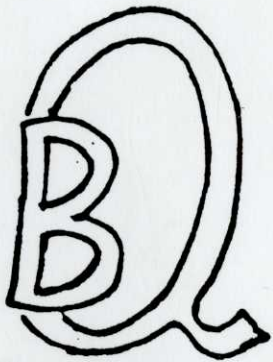
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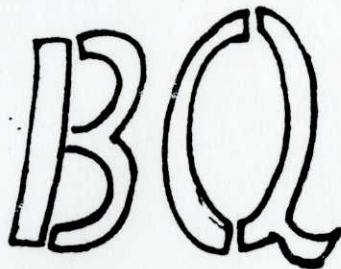
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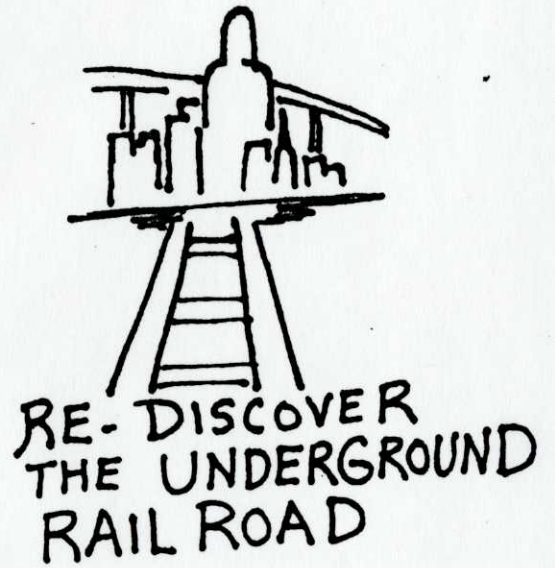


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P. Charles Wilson
3-26-95



RE-ENACTMENT
OF THE UNDERGROUND RAIL ROAD

BUFFALO QUARTERS
P.C. WILSON 3/29/95

Dear Gentlemen/Ladies,

Pursuant to our meeting , held at , we were asked to provide you with a budget. Herein is our proposed budget.

We have made our projections based on needs, knowledge of planned programs, scheduling, etc.

Attached is an estimate of the required operating funds for Buffalo Quarters Historical Society. Below are short narratives for object classes (OC) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, since we are projecting said sums for the first time. All future budget proposals will contain narratives for object classes that we request +/- of average figures once established.

OC 1	<u>Travel</u> Heritage tour, Historical Society meetings/presentations, Juba dinners, Honors dinner, Historical conferences, Time capsule.	\$9,500.00
OC 2	<u>Transportation-Postage</u> Truck/car rentals, Freight/Express	\$4,100.00
OC 3	<u>Rentals</u> Space & Misc., Sound, Equipment, Photocopying, Utilities, Local telephone, Mail box.	\$6,350.00
OC 4	<u>Printing</u>	\$2,000.00
OC 5	<u>Contractual Services</u> Maintenance/Repair of Equipment, Licenses, Permits, Advertising, Security, Insurance, Stage equipment.	\$4,400.00
OC 6	<u>Furniture/ADP</u> ADP Hardware/Software, All other.	\$4,500.00
	Total	\$30,850.00

Again, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to meet with us.

Lillion Batchelor
Founder
Buffalo Quarters Historical Society

Attachment

Projection of calendar year 1995 funding needs:

<u>OBJECT CLASS LISTING</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET PROJECTION</u>
<u>OC 1 : Total (Travel)</u>		<u>\$ 9,500.</u>
Site visits	\$ 2,000.	
Speeches/Presentations	1,500.	
Conferences	2,500.	
Special Events	3,500.	
<u>OC 2 : Total (Transportation)</u>		<u>\$ 4,100.</u>
Truck/car Rental	\$ 2,000.	
Freight/Express	2,100.	
Relocating office	0	
<u>OC 3 : Total (Rentals)</u>		<u>\$ 6,350.</u>
Space & Misc.	\$ 100.	
Equipment	2,500.	
Photocopying	500.	
Utilities	750.	
Local telephone	500.	
<u>OC 4 : Total (Printing)</u>		<u>\$ 2,000.</u>
<u>OC 5 : Total (Contractual Services)</u>		<u>\$ 4,400.</u>
Main./Repair of Equipment	\$ 0	
Building repairs	0	
Other Services:	4,400.	
a. License/Permits		
b. Insurance		
c. Security		
<u>OC 6 : Total (Furniture)</u>		<u>\$ 4,500.</u>
ADP Hardware	\$ 2,000.	
ADP Software	2,000.	
All other	500.	
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>\$ 30,850.</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BUFFALO QUARTERS 1995

EXPENSES

- Licences / Permits
- Insurance 600.00
- Security
- Postage 2,000.00
- Printing (Posters) ~~250.00~~ 1,000.00
- Transportation (Gasoline) 50.00
- Sound Rental 500.00
- Stationery 100.00
- Uniforms / Tee Shirts 150.00
- Wardrobes / Attire 50.00
- Stage Equipment Rentals 1,400.00
- Telephone (Long Distance) 100.00
- Time Capsule 500.00
- Radio Ad. 5,000.00
- Legal 500.00

REVENUES

- Concessions
- Dinner
- Donations
- Boat Ride

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BUFFALO QUARTERS 1995

Expenses:

*	License/permits	\$?	
*	Insurance	600	
*	Security		
*	Postage	2000	
*	Printing (posters)	1000	\$5000 4000
*	Transportation (gasoline)	200	50 3000
*	Sound Rental	500	
*	Stationary	100	
*	Uniforms/Teeshirts	50	1000
*	Wardrobes/attire	-50	
*	Stage Equipment Rentals	1400	300
*	Telephone (long distance)		100 - 500
*	Time Capsule	500	
*	Radio Advertising	-5000	
*	Legal	500	
	COMMUNICATION system	2000	
	BAND	1800	
	Rich	500	
	SPEAKER		
	Batt		

Revenues:

- * Concessions
- * Dinner
- * Donations
- * Boat ride

Revenues

Subals) - 1500

~~Supplies~~

Press Conference Kits - 200

Photographer - 200

Teeshirts/Balloons/string/Helium - 1500

MARCH 21, 1995

FOUNDER: MRS. LILLIAN BACHELOR
CHAIRMAN: CHARLES FISHER

BUFFALO QUARTERS MOVEMENT

Mission Statement: Prepared by Lorraine Peeler

Vision: Empower our young Black people to be proud
of their heritage, themselves, and their city

Goal: Make this event an annual occurrence
Purchase the Hedley House for \$25,000 and
convert it into a historical/special events/
study building

- 1.) Honor 7 individuals per year
- 2.) Next year honor Reverend Smith during the PNBC convention.
- 3.) Prepare a book that talks about us, the 2 schools that the
dinner will be for are

Nile Valley
St. John Christian Academy

Bio's and pictures of the honorees
Video presentation - Sandy

- 4.) First board meeting 3/29/95 we need at least 50 people to
touch: that will disseminate information
-names, addresses, telephone #'s

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each church. Bethesda will be one

- 5.) A form letter will be sent requesting 3 - 5 volunteers to
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- We have a boat - Sheriffs Boat
- 3 signatures for a check request - Mrs. Batchelor,
Virginia, Ann
- Book keeper - divorced from money handling, only receives
request. The book keeper will also give the minutes at
every board meeting.
- Charles will report on possible funding
- Underground Railroad movie-Cattrell-Buffalo showing- Sandy

- 7.) Name for Hedley House - Buffalo Quarters Historical Institute

- 8.) The confirmed event date: 8/25 - 8/26/95
- 9.) There will be a Proclamation by the Mayor

ALWAYS PUT FIRST: WE ARE PART OF A MOVEMENT. OUR LEADER
MRS. LILLIAN BATCHELOR WAS GIVEN THE VISION. THE FIRST
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO WORK AT CITY COURT. THE LORD HAS
GIVEN HER A VISION AND WE ARE CATCHING AND HOLDING ONTO THE
VISION AND HER SPIRIT

Communication Nights: Sandy, Pat, Patricia, and Ann to do the
vocal advertising
*to build up curiosity
*need posters, who ever is going on the
boat should be in the posters
*Reverend Smith may help with
advertising during travels
*need to go to the Chamber of Commerce

- 10.) P.O. Box needed:
- 11.) We will have a full board meeting bi monthly
- 12.) The event is scheduled for 8/25 - 26/95, there is no rain
date. Our options will be to use Memorial Auditorium or the
Buffalo Convention Center. They will need 2 or 3 months lead
time and there will be an expense.
- 13.) The Erie County Sheriffs boat can accommodate 15 people. The
people on the boat must dress according to the era. No tee
shirts or Afrocentric attire.
- 14.) Pat, Ann, and Mom will work at Veterans Hospital
Charlie, Sandy, Virginia, Patricia will work at M & T
The entire committee will work at La Salle park and then
meet
at the foot of Ferry.
- 15.) 60 Hedley is owned by John Eberheart, he is willing to sell
us the property for \$25,000.
- 16.) On April 7, 1995 the Buffalo Quarters was asked to attend
the Hamlin Park Tax Payers meeting to discuss 60 Hedley.

- 17.) Groups that may help with the renovation are
African Men of Promise
Black Firemen's Association
Black Policemen's Association
Prince Hall Mason's

We must send out letters. At our General meeting we will ask them to join us and volunteer assistance with the renovation

- 18.) Our next committee meeting will be March 29, 1995
- 19.) "Catch the Spirit" Sandy will look into a promo-video
"The Last Stop" is another suggestion for a slogan
- 20.) Channel 4 & 7 may help with sponsorship: Sandy & Pat
- 21.) Postal cost in our budget will need to be doubled.
- 22.) Sandy presented the movements intent and spirit at the Youth Council meeting on March 10th and did an outstanding job.
- 23.) Lorraine presented the economics and movement of the event at the Joint City/County Parks and Recreation Task Force meeting on March 13, 1995.
- 24.) We must present at the Leadership forum on April 15 @ 9:00am
- 25.) Sandy suggested video taping our meetings as an historical record.
- 26.) Patricia, Sandy, Gina will work on theme and slogan, Pat will work on the logo.

Executive meeting April 5, 1995

Agenda

Mission Statement
Vision
Goals
Historical Narration
Budget
Presentations
Sandy
Lorraine

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Buffalo Quarters Historical Society
Underground Railroad
“Freedom Memorial”

Proposal Narrative

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society
MISSION STATEMENT

To increase national and international awareness of the significance of Buffalo and all of Western New York as it pertains to the Underground Railroad Movement by recapturing the spirit of historical events through the use of drama, music and the Niagara River Crossing into Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society is a community driven organization founded by Lillion Batchelor in 1995 for the purpose of promoting Buffalo's significance in, and contribution to American history as it relates to the Underground Railroad.

Letter From Rev. H. Wilson --Underground Railroad

St. Catherine, C.W. July 2d, 1855

My dear Friend, William Still:-Mr. Elias Jasper and Miss Lucy Bell having arrived here safely on Saturday last, and found their " companions in tribulations," who had arrived before them, I am induced to write and let you know the fact. They are a cheerful, happy company and very grateful for their freedom. I have done the best I could for their comfort, but they are about to proceed across the lake to Toronto, thinking they can do better there than here, which is not unlikely. They all remember you as their friend and benefactor, and return to you their sincere thanks. My means of support are so scanty, that I am obliged to write without paying postage, or not write at all. I hope you are not moneyless, as I am. In attending to the wants to the wants of numerous strangers, I am much of the time perplexed from the lack of means; but send on as many as you can and I will divide with them to the last crumb.

Yours truly, Hiram Wilson

Still, W. (1970). The Underground Railroad. Johnson Publishing Company Inc.: Chicago, Illinois (p.23)

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HISTORY

It is written in the pages of American history...

In the City of Buffalo during the 1800s untold numbers of courageous citizens, including white Buffalonians and freed African-Americans, took a stand for humanity and decency against slavery working together as part of a secret freedom network called the "Underground Railroad." This Underground Railroad was neither "underground" nor a "railroad," but rather a loosely constructed network of secret travel routes that originated in the South, intertwined throughout the North, and eventually ended in Canada. The abolitionist movement, made up of white and black men and women, successfully helped numerous slaves find freedom in Canada. Aided by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), directed by Native Americans along Indian trails and guided at night by the North Star, runaway slaves found refuge on the Niagara Frontier of Western New York.

Courageous abolitionists risked their wealth and status to aid those seeking freedom on this Underground Railroad. At this same time in history, fugitive slave hunting became a profitable business when the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 offered a fee for the capture of runaway slaves and delivering them to federal offices in the North. The network's successful operations relied heavily on secret codes during escapes that alerted passengers when travel was safe.

Freedom Seekers

It is reported that between 1830 and 1850, an estimated 30, 000 slaves of African descent made their way to freedom in Canada from the Deep South of the United States. For thousands of escaping slaves fleeing under the stars, a glowing lamp placed in the window of a "safe house" was a beacon of freedom. Many of the slaves that passed through the Niagara Frontier on foot or by wagon crossed into Canada by boat or swam to freedom. We do not know how they accomplished such a task in the face of such formidable odds, but we do know what motivated them ... a drive for a better life.

Strategically located on the Canadian border, Buffalo, New York played a key role in the abolitionist movement and was the last stop on the Underground Railroad before freedom. Many "station keepers" secretly aided the travelers, helping guide them to a safe place along the Niagara River, the terminus of the Underground Railroad in America. This important place within the City of Buffalo is now known as **Broderick Park**. It is at this site that history is once again being made!

Broderick Park

On Squaw Island, Buffalo, New York

In July of 1998, President Clinton signed into law the *National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program*. Under this new law the National Park Service is now authorized to play an important role in facilitating the national commemoration of the Underground Railroad. As a result, **Broderick Park** is now listed as part of the National Underground Railroad network, recognized by historians and scholars alike as the historic terminus of the Underground Railroad

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between the United States and Canada. In addition, efforts are currently underway to have this historic site listed on the National Historic Registry in Washington D.C.

The site of Broderick Park is significant for several reasons, including:

- Being located on the bank of the mighty Niagara River, which serves as the international border between the United States and Canada.
- It strategically sits near where Lake Erie and all of the upper Great Lakes flow northwards into the Niagara River towards Niagara Falls and Lake Ontario.
- It is located on an important island between the Niagara River and Black Rock Canal (former Erie Canal). It was this same combination of Lake, River and Canal which gave Buffalo its tremendous early growth to become a major City of commerce.
- Its adjacency to the Peace Bridge, which connects the United States with Canada, and represents the long lasting friendship and peace between these two great countries.
- In later years, this site at the end of Ferry Street on Buffalo's West Side served as a major Ferry Landing for passengers crossing the River and traveling along the Canal.
- It is one of a series of waterfront parks along the Niagara River and Lake Erie, all connected by a continuous path system.

PROJECT GOALS

Broderick Park

Underground Railroad Freedom Memorial

A master plan commemorating the site's historical significance is now complete. The plan envisions a setting that is highly contemplative and passive in nature, allowing visitors to be engulfed by the historic spirit of this special site. The true essence of which was the river crossing, which provided the final avenue of freedom to all who passed through. The proposed design does not compete with, nor overshadow, the all-important views to the swiftly flowing Niagara River and the Canadian shores beyond.

Highlights of the Freedom Memorial plan include:

- A park setting that is passive and naturalistic. The Underground Railroad occurred during the early to mid-1800's, at a time when the Niagara River shoreline was more rustic. The design recaptures the rustic image of this site with the use of naturalistic plantings and many wild grasses.
- A depiction of "Steal Away to Freedom," a dramatic scene of "escape" as the centerpiece of the memorial. A number of life-sized bronze sculptures will recreate an actual setting of local abolitionists assisting a family of apprehensive escaped slaves down a ladder into a small boat ready to take them across the river to freedom. A stone wall will represent the Niagara River seawall and a shallow reflecting pool will symbolize the actual River. Another nearby bronze figure will depict a look-out person, searching for Bounty Hunters that were trying to capture escaped slaves. This

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expressive scene will evoke many images of what an escape could have been like, and allow visitors the true experience of "being there."

- A sloped Lawn Amphitheater will be constructed for educational uses, historic lectures and inspirational concerts. The **annual "Freedom" re-enactment** of the Buffalo Quarters Historical Society will be held at this site with the River and Canadian shore as a fitting backdrop.
- A Stage will be constructed for the amphitheater that will also serve as a central gathering Plaza for visitors. This stage/plaza will be created from "personalized pavers," cobblestone-type "donor" pavers purchased by individuals as part of a fund-raising campaign. A major feature for this plaza area is a symbolic and interpretive sculptural piece representing the **"Spirit of the Underground Railroad."** The sculpture is representative of the three main groups that assisted with the movement of slaves on the Underground Railroad network. Colored blocks of stone will represent the Black Abolitionist (black African granite), the Native American (reddish local Medina Stone) and the White Abolitionist (*including the Religious Society of Friends, or "Quakers."*) (White granite). It depicts the uplifting spirit of those assisting the escaped slaves, with their unified strength powerful enough to break the chains (shackles) of slavery. The joined boulders will be seen rising from the ground towards the sky, forcing a large chain to break apart, symbolizing Freedom. A modern phrase of "Let Freedom Ring" will be etched into the 3 boulders. The backdrop of which will be the mighty Niagara River and the Canadian Shore.
- A major educational feature will be a **Memorial Walkway**, commemorating the Underground Railroad and its mission for freedom. The walkway is dedicated to the spirit of humanity, decency and brotherhood that existed between people of different races all purposed with the same goal of freedom. This walkway will traverse the park, taking visitors through the **"Pages of History."** Each step along this historic journey, visitors will feel like they are stepping back in time as they read slabs of pavement inscribed with historical and inspirational quotes and sayings from historic "freedom fighters," as well as the men, women and children they came to aid. Historical events, happenings and dates will also be highlighted. In certain areas, colored slabs of stone pavement will be highlighted that are indigenous to the Southern States where the slaves were traveling from, i.e. stones from South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, etc. All states playing a role in the Underground Railroad will be represented, including stones indigenous to Canada, the ultimate destination for Freedom.
- Along the Memorial Walkway, a life-sized bronze sculpture of **Harriet Tubman**, a matriarch on the Underground Railroad, will be placed at the river's edge, facing Canada. A backdrop to the Tubman Memorial will be an interpretive wall, representing the **Beacon of Freedom** used during the nighttime travel hours, which was the Big Dipper and North Star.
- A quiet **Meditation area** will be located along the memorial walkway to allow visitors to sit and breathe in the spirit of the place, while looking across the water towards the Canadian shore. This spot will be an appropriate spot for meditation and prayer. Symbolic imagery and interpretive markers will enhance the special meaning of the setting.

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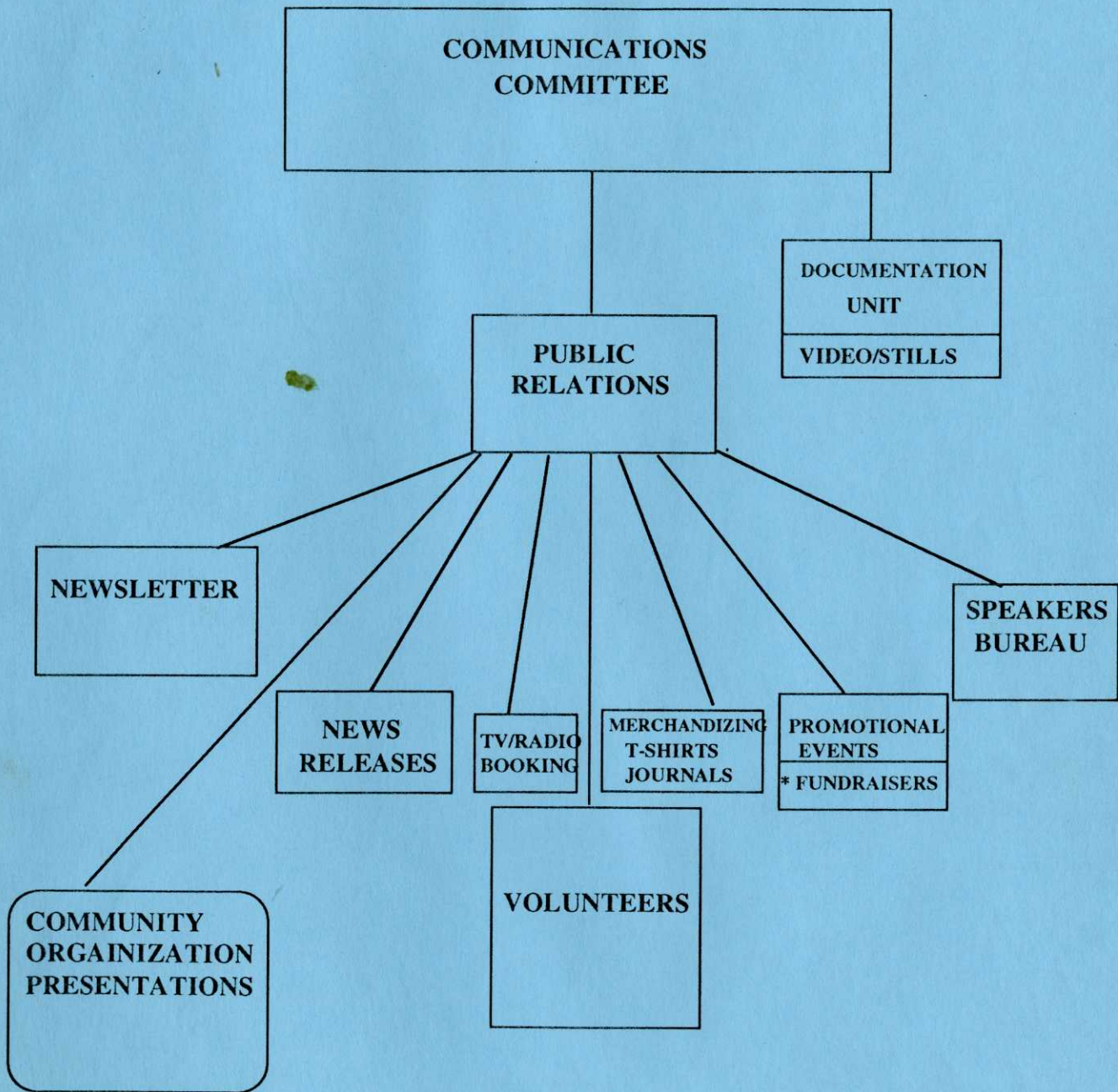
- An existing park concession and restroom building is envisioned to receive a new "period" façade, more reminiscent of an old structure from the 1800's. This building could include an expanded concession facility, with a new outdoor café built to overlook the amphitheater and Freedom Memorial. In addition, if space allows, memorabilia and other Underground Railroad remembrances could form a **Visitors Center** and Museum.
- A new picnic area with a rustic open-air structure (picnic shelter) will give visitors a place for relaxation and a peaceful meal.

It is the heartfelt hope of the **Buffalo Quarters Historical Society** that people from around the world will one day visit the Underground Railroad Freedom Memorial and walk away filled with optimism, a sense of personal freedom and a deeper understanding of the role Western New York played in American history.

The Freedom Memorial will stand gracefully and solemnly along the Niagara River as a monument to courage, humanity and decency for generations to come.

Project construction is scheduled for Spring 1999 through 2000.

BUFFALO QUARTERS



PRELIMINARY MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Late April May June July August

(Black Press)	<i>(press conference)</i> Posters designed	Regular WBLK/WUFO	WBLK/WUFO	Repeat
-Challenger	Posters	Sponsored	" "	
-Criterion	*citywide*	Updates		
-Fine Print				
Radio	Press Release	Press Releases	Press	Press
Interviews	Weekly-Faxed to media*	Faxed Print/TV/Radio	Releases	
<u>Radio</u>	*Secure Media Sponsorship	*Juneteenth Allentown Booth sales	PSA's TV/RADIO/PRINT	
WBEN				
WUFO				
WBLK	* Circulate NewsLetter	Posters Countdown	<i>(EVENT) Posters Countdown</i>	<i>EVENT (JUBA)</i>
What's Up				
Teenage Show				
Mary Davis	* Essay Contest launched/Schools		July/August	
Winston Brown			AM BUFFALO!!	
Ron Flemming				
Fliers Circulated	* Design PSA's/Radio/TV (Video)		Essay Contest	
	* Call for Volunteers		Winners Announced	
*Design Buffalo Quarterly Newsletter				

Secure Information
Re: Juneteenth
Allentown Arts Festival
Booths

Community Billboard TCI *****

Buffalo Access Cable 30 minute/Buffalo Quarters Show *****

Application: Buffalo Community Partnership "Developmental Dollars" Youth participation required*

WBLK SPONSORSHIP

WBLK
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Promotions Director
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Buffalo, New York 14202

Sponsorship/Yes

Wake Up Club Interviews during drive time the week of the event

Mentions during their What's Happening Update.
40 Mentions a week
Mentions every 90 minutes

Live Remotes

Talent available for presentations

Public Affairs Radio Shows
Majorie Majors
Sunday 6:00PM

Winston Brown

WUFO- Media Sponsorship
Contact: Lenore Williams
Program Director

Yes/ 5 Mentions of Event each Date
40 announcements a week

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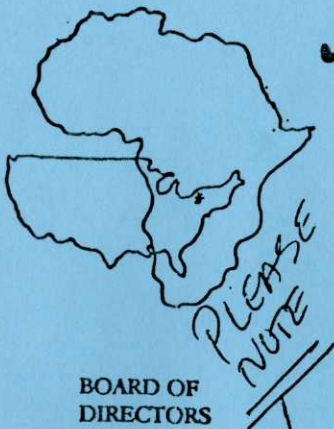
MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE?

Because of the numerous letters being mailed out to past and present volunteers, friends, and supporters of the Juneteenth Festival, we cannot personalize this letter like we wish to.

We will continue this letter with

In recognition for what you have done for the Juneteenth Festival, the present Board of Directors and committee members are extending an invitation to you and at the same time, soliciting your help so we can make this year's 20th Juneteenth Festival a huge success. GREAT THINGS HAVE BEEN PLANNED.

A reunion of those who made the Juneteenth Festival happen the past 19 years will be held at the New Golden Nugget, 2064 Fillmore Avenue, on March 31, 1995 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00. Refreshments will be served and therefore, your tickets must be secured in advance. If you desire more information please call Willie Yates at 852-1619 before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. You can also call 888-8777 (Juneteenth's answering service) and leave a message.



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IF YOU WANT TO PURCHASE A TICKET

Michael THANK YOU!

IF you need anymore tickets

please call me

Willie

P.S. If you plan to participate, we must hear from you before March 27. Thank you.

June 17 & 18, 1995
Celebrating Our 20th Consecutive
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Buffalo Community Partnership

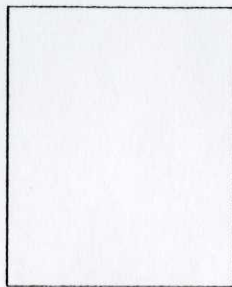
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News from the BCP Coalition and the Community

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- Antioch Baptist Church
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- NMPE
- MOYIC
- Muse, Inc.
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Michael Hill



Michael Hill

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18 Agassiz Circle
Buffalo, NY 14214

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Network Affiliate: Independent
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Fax: 884-0291
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Public Service: Suzanne Chamberlain
Senior Producer: Roberta Hollingsworth

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259 Delaware Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14202

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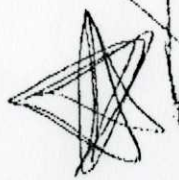
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Assignment Editor: Russell Barbera
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7 Broadcast Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14202

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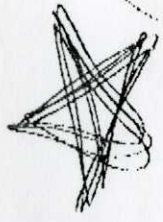
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
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
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 Fax: 829-2277
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 712 Main Street Format: urban contemporary
 Suite 112 Phone: (716) 852-5955
 Buffalo, NY 14202 Fax: 852-6605
 General Manager: Mark Plimpton
 News Director: *Catherine Roberts*
 Public Service: *Lou St. James*

WBNY-FM Frequency: 91.3
 1300 Elmwood Ave. Format: alternative music
 Buffalo, NY 14222 Phone: 878-5104
 General Manager: John Hans
 Public Service: Beth Connell



WBUF-FM Frequency: 92.9
 715 Delaware Ave. Format: adult contemporary
 Buffalo, NY 14209 Phone: (716) 882-4300
 Fax: 882-1515
 General Manager: Ken Spitzer
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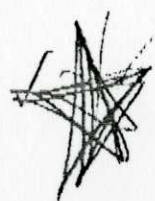
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Frequency: 1520
Format: business radio
Phone: (716) 884-5101
Fax: 882-2048
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Public Service: Gareth Farley

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 5426 William St.
 Lancaster, NY 14086

Frequency: 1300
Format: country
Phone: (716) 681-1313
Fax: none
General Manager: Louis A. Schriver
News Director: David Saunders
Public Service: Beverly Sionko


WYRK-FM
 5th Floor
 Rand Building
 Buffalo, NY 14203

Frequency: 106.5
Format: contemporary country
Phone: (716) 852-7444
Fax: 852-5683
 ***General Manager:** Ralph Christian
 ***News Director:** Bob Hill
Public Service: Bob Hill



WHTT-AM
Buffalo Hilton
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

(affiliated with WHTT-FM 104.1)
Frequency: 1120
Format: oldies
Phone: (716) 854-1120
Fax: 855-3385
General Manager: Ron Rice
News Director: Steve Boyd
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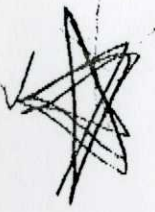
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1700 Rand Bldg.
Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203

(affiliated with WECK-AM 1230)
Frequency: 96.1
Format: lite adult contemp.
Phone: (716) 856-3550
Fax: 852-0537
General Manager: Robert Williams
News Director: Maryalice Demler
Public Service: Jay Moran



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WDCX-FM
625 Delaware Ave.
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Frequency: 99.5
Format: Christian
Phone: (716) 883-3010
Fax: 883-3606
General Manager: Nevin Larson
Public Service: Steve Maloon

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Format: middle of the road
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Fax: 852-0537
General Manager: Robert Williams
News Director: Mary Alice Demler
Public Service: Jay Moran

WGR-AM
464 Franklin St.
Buffalo, NY 14202

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Frequency: 550
Format: news/sports/talk
Phone: (716) 881-4555
Fax: 884-2931
General Manager: Jim Meltzer
News Director: Craig Edwards
Public Service: Mary Davis
Assignment Editor: Marcy Wihelm

825-8255


WGRF-FM
464 Franklin St.
Buffalo, NY 14202

(affiliated with WGR-AM 550)
Frequency: 96.9
Format: album-oriented rock
Phone: (716) 881-4555
Fax: 884-2931
General Manager: Jim Meltzer
News Director: Joleen Baller
Public Service: Mary Davis


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WHLD-AM
2692 Staley Road
Grand Island, NY
14072


Frequency: 1270
Format: big band/nostalgia
Phone: (716) 773-1270
Fax: 773-1948
General Manager: Paul A. Butler
News Director/
Public Service: Michael Brummer

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140 Lower Terrace
Buffalo, NY 14202

Frequency: 97.0
Format: news/information
Phone: 845-7000
Fax: 845-7043
Sr. Vice Pres: Richard Daly
News Director: Leon Thomas
Public Service: Dawn Hamilton

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Horizons Plaza
140 Lower Terrace
Buffalo, NY 14202


(affiliated with WEBR-AM 970)
Frequency: 94.5
Format: classical
Phone: (716) 847-7000
Fax: 845-7043
Sr. Vice Pres: Dick Daly
Program Director: Peter Goldsmith

 ~~WNUC-FM~~
5500 Main Street
Williamsville, NY
14221

Frequency: 107.7
Format: easy listening
Phone: (716) 626-1077
Fax: 626-1395
General Manager: John Casciani
News Director/
Public Service: Dan Kelley

~~WSPQ~~
~~WFWC-AM~~
51 Franklin Street
Springville, NY
14141

Frequency: 1330
Format: adult contemporary
Phone: (716) 592-9500
Fax: 592-9522
General Manager: Lloyd Lane
News Director/
Public Service: Fred Haier

 ~~WUFO-AM~~
89 LaSalle Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214

Frequency: 1080
Format: urban contemporary
Phone: (716) 834-1080
Fax: 837-1438
General Manager: Lenore Williams
News Director/
Public Service: Lenore Williams

~~WUFX-FM~~
425 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

(affiliated with WGR-AM/FM)
Frequency: 103.3
Format: classic rock n' roll
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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENTS

3RD UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR

"RECLAIM YOUR HERITAGE"

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1995

TIME: DEPARTURE - 9:00 A.M. - RETURN - APPROXIMATELY 3:00 - 3:30 P.M.

FROM: Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
Telephone: 884 - 7664

DONATION: \$20.00 (Non-Refundable) DEADLINE: May 31, 1995

This trip traces some of the known routes which a refugee family or individual could have used to escape from slavery and reach freedom in Canada before the end of the Civil War.

TOUR INCLUDES:

Roundtrip transportation in a deluxe air-conditioned bus from the church to St. Catherines, Ontario Canada making the following "stops": The former Michigan Avenue Baptist Church; Buffalo Riverfront; Fort Erie Riverfront; Queenston, Ontario Canada; Niagara-On-The Lake; and St. Catherines, Ontario.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. LUNCH STOP WILL BE AT NIAGARA - ON - THE LAKE PARK.

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring your camera and tape recorder. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring proof of U.S. citizenship.

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 40 PERSONS. BOOK EARLY!

RECLAIM YOUR HERITAGE TOUR FORM

NAME _____ **AGE (if under 16)** _____

ADDRESS _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

Enclose check or money order with this form, made payable to:
African American Heritage Study Committee
Lincoln Memorial UM Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Minutes 3/29/95

Following minutes format provided by Patricia Ragin on 3/29/95:

Members Present: All

Members Not Present: None

Others: Musani. Cynthia

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Charley Fisher at 5:45p.m.

place: Ms Lillion Batchelor's residence

Prayer: Charley Fisher

Welcome and introduction: Lillion Batchelor

Reports:

Patrick Wilson

1. Done/To Do List: See Attachment A
Additions/changes/revisions made by the committee resulting in Attachment B. List approved
2. Accounts Payable/Receivable forms: Patricia Ragin will put these forms on Disk for accounts tracking. Pat Ragin and Pat Wilson will provide financial reports. See Attachment C and D.
3. Logo/slogan: Pat Wilson provided several "BQ" logos and logos based on slogans submitted to him by Virginia Batchelor and Sandy White. After committee discussion the following was agreed upon:
 - a. logo/slogan of Re-claiming the Underground RailRoad-Buffalo Quarters Historical Institute was selected for our letter head. Pat Ragin will handle formatting.
 - b. A logo-slogan contest: Musani and Cynthia will draft a letter announcing the contest. Musani, Cynthia and Lorraine will conduct the outreach for contestants, as well as, select community artists to serve on the selecting committee for best logo/slogan. **Dead Line to be determined.**

Charley Fisher

Spoke of up coming events, scheduling and date lines we need to be conscious of.

- a. April 6, Hedley House - Hamlin Park Tax Payers meeting
- b. Black Leadership forum - 55 grape street
- c. Incorporation process

Patricia Ragin

Patricia prepared and discussed the following:

1. Agenda for the April 5 Board of Directors meeting at St John Baptist church.
 - a. Strategic seating arrangements
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BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM MEETING

April 1, 1995

Representative from Buffalo Quarters: Lillion, Gina, Tyonna, Patricia, Charley.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Reid, at 9am, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 55 Grape Street.

Lillion Batchelor, Founder and Chairperson gave a brief presentation on how she got started with her dream.

She stated the following:

- * The re-enactment sites - LaSalle Park, Foot of Ferry, M&T Plaza, and the VA
- * benefit dinner
- * date of the re-enactment
- * where the proceeds will go from the fund raiser
- * crossing at the Foot of Ferry
- * how BQ plan to have choirs on both sides of the border
- * invitation was given to the Black Leadership Forum to share in our adventure.

The floor is now open for questions from the Black Leadership Forum.

Q: How can we help?

A: BQ need help with the various sites, painters, carpenters, etc.

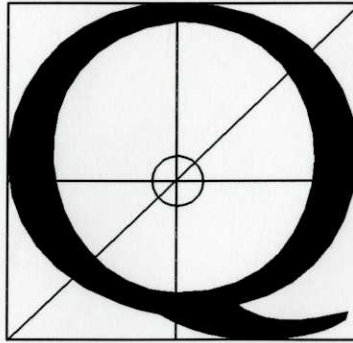
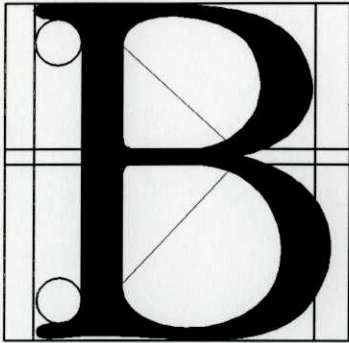
Q: How can we contact you?

A: At the moment through Charley at 852-8604, we are in the process of getting a P.O. Box number. (After the meeting Lillion filed for a P.O. Box number).

Recomendations from the Black Leadership Forum:

- * Contact MOCA, fire department
- * NYS Department of Tourism for funds
- * June - July Buffalo Bisons Day
- * Contact TV and Radio stations for donations.

Buffalo Quarters Historical Institute
P.O. Box 1542
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Guidelines:

Greeting:

Introduction:

We need your support:

Fund raising ideas
Media support
Legal advice
Choirs
Actors and Actress

Program:

Recognition dinner/sculpture unveiling
Concert
Skits - LaSalle Park, M&T Plaza, VA, Foot of Ferry
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Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday April 5, 1995

**Saint John Baptist Church
6:00 PM**

(Please place a check by your name)

1. Mr. George K. Arthur
2. Dr. Monroe Fordham
3. Dr. Imani Fryar
4. Mr. Kevin Cottrell
5. Ms. Lillion Batchelor
6. Ms. Virginia Batchelor
7. Mr. Charley H. Fisher III
8. Ms. Ann P. Smith
9. Ms. Sandy White
10. Mr. Patrick Wilson
11. Ms. Patricia A. Ragin
12. Dr. Lorraine Peeler
13. Ms. Tyonna Robinson

Minutes 3/29/95

Following minutes format provided by Patricia Ragin on 3/29/95:

Members Present: All

Members Not Present: None

Others: Musani. Cynthia

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Charley Fisher at 5:45p.m.

place: Ms Lillion Batchelor's residence

Prayer: Charley Fisher

Welcome and introduction: Lillion Batchelor

Reports:

Patrick Wilson

1. Done/To Do List: See Attachment A
Additions/changes/revisions made by the committee resulting in Attachment B. List approved
2. Accounts Payable/Receivable forms: Patricia Ragin will put these forms on Disk for accounts tracking. Pat Ragin and Pat Wilson will provide financial reports. See Attachment C and D.
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 - a. logo/slogan of Re-claiming the Underground Railroad-Buffalo Quarters Historical Institute was selected for our letter head. Pat Ragin will handle formatting.
 - b. A logo-slogan contest: Musani and Cynthia will draft a letter announcing the contest. Musani, Cynthia and Lorraine will conduct the outreach for contestants, as well as, select community artists to serve on the selecting committee for best logo/slogan. **Dead Line to be determined.**

Charley Fisher

Spoke of up coming events, scheduling and date lines we need to be conscious of.

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BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 5, 1995

MEMBERS PRESENT

LILLION BATCHELOR
VIRGINIA BATCHELOR
CHARLEY FISCHER
LORRAINE PEELER
PATRICIA RAGIN
SANDY WHITE
PATRICK WILSON
TYONNA ROBINSON
ANN SMITH

GUEST

KEVIN CATTRELL

OPENING PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY LORRAINE PEELER

READING OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE READ BY PATRICK.
CHARLEY MOVED THAT THE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS READ.

PAT RAGIN BEGAN TO TALK ABOUT HER MEETING WITH GINA ON APRIL 1ST
FUNDING WAS DISCUSSED

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

LILLION BEGAN TO TALK OF BUFFALO QUARTERS AND THE UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD RE-ENACTMENT AND ASKED FOR KEVIN CATRELL'S SUPPORT ON
THE CANADIAN SIDE. SHE ALSO SHARED:

- DINNER - SUNDAY/PLAN TO HAVE A JUBA
- SKIT AT M & T PLAZA
- CONCERT AT THE VA
- SKIT AT LASALLE PARK
- CROSSING AT THE FOOT OF FERRY
- JUBA AT KENSINGTON PLACE AND THE TIME CAPSULE

CHARLEY REFERRED TO LILLION AS A PIONEER, FOUNDER AND LEADER-A
TRAIL BLAZER THAT BROKE THE COLOR BARRIER AT BUFFALO CITY COURT
HER GOAL IS TO MAKE ALL CITIZENS OF BUFFALO, NY AWARE OF THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS CITY, WESTERN
NY AND THE UNITED STATES.

FACILITIES REPORT

IN THREE MEETINGS BQ HAS MET OVER 100 ORGANIZATIONS. THEY HAVE ALL ASKED WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP AND BE A PART OF THIS EVENT.

A MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUNETENTH AND THE RE-ENACTMENT IS THAT THE RE-ENACTMENT BRINGS A HOPE, A SENSE OF HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, PRIDE AND STRENGTH.

- CROSSING THE RIVER HAS A SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE
- ALL EQUIPMENT-AUDIO/IS READY TO BE VOLUNTEERED

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

CHARLEY ASKED FOR THE NEED TO FORM A ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE. HE RECOMMENDED LORRAINE PEELER HEAD THE ORGANIZATION AND THAT PAT, GINA, AND CHARLEY BE MEMBERS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SANDY GAVE AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS, T-SHIRTS, SOUVENIRS, WAYS TO MOVE THE CONCEPT FORWARD. WE TALKED ABOUT A SLOGAN, WE ARE FINE TUNING/ADVANCING OUR ORGANIZATION/GOAL. THE GOAL IS TO DOCUMENT BUFFALO QUARTERS I.E. TO CAPTURE IT AND USE IT TO SHOW OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HOW IT IS DONE.

DEVELOPMENT

LORRAINE DISCUSSED WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- 1 - TO PROVIDE CORPORATE STRUCTURE/ORGANIZATION
- 2 - LONG RANGE/SHORT RANGE PLANNING
- 3 - COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT
- 4 - ON GOING, LIVING, GIVING ACTIVITY - CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE THE ORGANIZATION AND OBTAIN HEDLEY PLACE
- 5 - WE NEED TO BE GROUNDED IN ALL EFFORTS
- 6 - BUFFALO CONSERVATION NEWSPAPER GIVEN TO SANDY-RECOMMEND WE CONTACT FOR EXPOSURE. MARY DAVIS WGR WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO GIVE US EXPOSURE. JOHN SMITH HAS OFFERED HIS SERVICES FOR OUTREACHING.

SANDY WILL NEED A SPEAKERS LIST

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GINA SPOKE ON OUR VISION. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENLIGHTEN BUFFALO THAT WE (AFRICAN AMERICANS) ARE VERY INVOLVED IN HISTORY

THE TIME CAPSULE WILL SHED LIGHT ON FAMILIES IN BUFFALO

✓MONEY - WE NEED A \$500.00 DEPOSIT TO RESERVE THE DINNER HALL

BUDGET - WE WILL NEED TO UP THE BUDGET FROM \$11,500 TO \$12,000

WE CAN USE THE KENSINGTON PLACE OR GOLDEN NUGGET FOR JUBA NIGHT-FRIDAY

SLOGAN - INSTITUTE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO SOCIETY OR ORGANIZATION

LEGAL ADVICE - ATTORNEY SAID WE NEED TO MOVE SLOWLY FOR HISTORICAL

ZONE - ZONING

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KEVIN CATRELL SPOKE ON HIS WORK

BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

Executive Board Meeting

Date: April 12, 1995

Minutes

Members Present:

Lillion Batchelor, Virginia Batchelor, Charley Fisher, Lorraine Peeler, Patricia Ragin, Sandy White, Tyonna Robinson, Ann Smith

Members Not Present:

Masani, Patrick

Others:

Cynthia Mehary, Dr. Fordham, Dr. Fryar

Call to order:

Prayer - Sandy

The meeting was called to order by Charley Fisher
6:10p, at Jack Hanny's Eagle House, 5578 Main Street, Williamsville

Welcome and introduction

Charley Fisher gave a brief introduction to Dr. Fordham regarding BQ,

We must act quickly to get people to participate in BQ,

Ann Smith read the minutes for the April 5, 1995 meeting, corrections were made.

Lorraine moved that the minutes be accepted, Virginia second the motion.

Financial Report - Pat Ragin

The following people gave a \$25 donation to BQ: Lillion Charley, Patricia, Tyonna, Patrick, Lorraine, Virginia.

\$1000 Erie County Legislation Construction fund (George Hoyt).

Ann Smith suggest that we need a banking account and what kind of account will be open for BQ. (see example A attached). By the next meeting April 19, we will have an account for BQ. The following people will have their signature on the account and two signatures for signing checks.

Facilities Report - Charley Fisher

Stationary was selected by the Executive Board (see example B attached)
Flier is complete (see example C attached).

Public Relations - Sandy White

In our next meeting we need to bring in a well thought out campaign. Sandy will also put an ad in The Buffalo Challenger.

Lorraine: We need to target summer programs.

Cynthia: A editor & member of the Black Educators will put a press release in the newsletter.

Program Report - Virginia Batchelor

BQ received a letter from the Sheriff's Dept stating that we will have **two boats** for our river crossing.

BQ needs to reserve a place for the formal dinner in August.

No contact was made to the Kensington Place and The Golden Nugget.

BQ need a drawing card for our dinner, we are looking for demo 20 and up.

Lillion and Charley checked on Rich Ren. (holds 500 people, \$500 deposit)

Lorraine suggest that we look at ways to negotiate with the restaurants and do not put ourselves in a bind.

Lillion suggest:

BQ have to start getting letters our to organizations,
BQ member need to bring 5 people to the next meeting,
Contact Trench for T-Shirts

Development - Lorraine Peeler

Hand out a draft of the by-laws and articles of incorporation.

Suggestion made that we name our organization **BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

BQ need to decide on what state that we are going to incorporate in.
For a fund raiser start an associate members drive.

Special guest - Jack Hanny owner of The Eagle House gave a brief history: The Eagle House was built in 1827 and is the oldest restaurant in the state. Jack purchased The Eagle House in 1977 and continued on the renovation of the restaurant.

Dr. Monroe Fordham - words of wisdom

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS - DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED

Coming Attractions

Monday April 24
1p City Hall
Dave Collins Office
see Lillion Batchelor

Saturday April 29
Prominent Women (in Rochester)
see Lorraine Peeler

Friday May 5
Afro American Historical Society Dinner
645p Kensington Place

Next Meeting

Date: Wed. April 19
Time: 6P
Place: Saint John Baptist Church
Refreshments: Ann Smith

Wed. April 26
6p
Empire State College
Lorraine Peeler

Wed. May 3
Board Meeting
Saint John Baptist Church
6p
Refreshments:?

Wed. May 10
Group Meeting
Saint John Baptist Church
6p
Refreshments:?

May 13 Happy Birthday Gina

June 11
NAACP dinner
see Charley

Prayer - Lorraine Peeler

Ed & Donna Peace
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837-9152

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Buffalo New York
14215
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BANK ACCOUNT RESEARCH

BANK NAME	BALANCE REQUIREMENTS	SERVICE CHARGES	FREE CHECKS	CHARGE PER CHECK	BRANCH CONVENIENCE	CORPORATE STATUS
M & T	500	\$3.50/MONTH	NO	\$.35	53	NEED TAX ID
KEY	NONE	NONE	50	NONE	37	NEED TAX ID
ROCHESTER SAVINGS	NONE	NONE	200	NONE	7	NO BUSINESS ACCOUNTS

FINDINGS

IN ORDER TO OPEN A CORPORATE ACCOUNT WE WILL NEED A TAX ID NUMBER
THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHECKING ACCOUNTS FOR NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT INCORPORATED

RECOMMENDATION

OPEN A PERSONAL CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH THREE REQUIRED SIGNATURES
AND TRANSFER THE BALANCE TO A CORPORATE ACCOUNT ONCE WE RECEIVE
OUR CORPORATE STATUS

EXAMPLE A



**BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 1542
CENTRAL PARK STATION
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14215-1542**

Lillian Batchelor, Founder

**THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM**

The Underground Railroad is an important element of American and African American history. To recognize that African Americans and Europeans worked together prior to the abolitionist movement to assist persons who were legally enslaved, is a part of our history that needs to be recited, rehearsed and shouted from the housetop.

It is reported that between 1830 and 1850, an estimated 30,000 slaves of African descent made their way from the Deep South of the United States, to Canada. These African slaves came from as far as Georgia and walked to Western New York and on to Canada. Many of the slaves passed through the Niagara Frontier, Erie and Niagara counties and crossed by boat and/or bridge to freedom on the shores of Canada. We don't know how they accomplished such a task in the face of such formidable odds, but we do know what motivated them...a human drive for freedom, and we do know it was a sense of decency and humanity that encouraged many people to aid and abet these alleged political felons. These people, the travelers on the Underground Railroad and those who opened their homes to them are our inspiration and our legacy.

The Niagara Frontier and especially Buffalo, New York has a rich heritage as it relates to the Underground Railroad. Unfortunately, not many Buffalonians know about it and certainly not many Americans. Under the inspired and committed direction of Mrs. Lillian Batchelor, Buffalo Quarters Historical Society was formed to preserve the rich legacy of the Underground Railroad as it relates to the role of Buffalo, New York... "The City of Good Neighbors."

Goals:

- * *Increase international awareness to the role Buffalo played in the Underground Railroad.*
- * *Expand the research and knowledge base of the Underground Railroad and its sites.*
- * *Promote positive race relations through sharing of rich history in drama, music and literature.*
- * *To honor and support unsung heroes in Buffalo who continue to carry the torch of freedom.*

PASS THE WORD.. A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM IS COMING

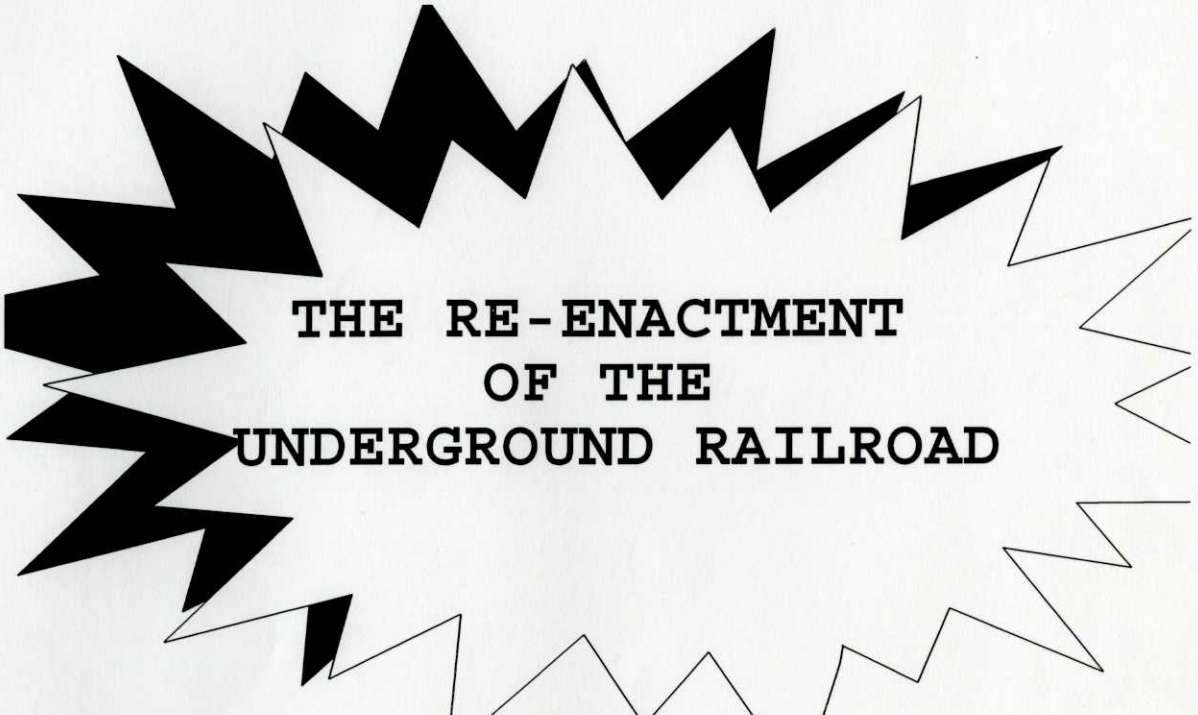


UFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LILLION BATCHELOR, FOUNDER



"CATCH THE SPIRIT"



THE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

COMMEMORATION WEEKEND

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Friday August 25, 1995 (Juba night)

Saturday August 26, 1995 (The Re-Enactment)

Sunday August 27, 1995 (Formal dinner)

GENERAL MEETINGS

(every second Wednesday)

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

184 GOODELL

7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CHARLEY FISHER (716)858-8604

OR WRITE TO

BUFFALO QUARTERS

P.O. BOX 1542 * CENTRAL PARK STATION * BUFFALO, N.Y. 14215-1542

BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

Executive Board Meeting

Date: April 26, 1995

Minutes

Members Present:

Lillion Batchelor, Charley Fisher, Lorraine Peeler, Patricia Ragin, Sandy White, Tyonna Robinson

Members Not Present: Masani, Patrick, Ann S., Gina

Others:

Cynthia Mehary, Dr. Fordham, Dr. Fryar

BRAINSTORMING

How do we package our weekend event?
Total cost of package \$80

Friday August 25 Juba Night

11am boat ride \$20

Saturday August 26 The Re-enactment

8am 5k run

9am prayer at El Bethel

1-3pm VA Hospital - Gospel Musical

12n M&T Plaza

Essay

Oratorical

Dance

Drama

Rappers

4pm Main Event LaSalle Park

8pm crossing

Sun August 27 Formal dinner at the Rich Ren. \$35

Suggestions:

3 juba nights

5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/26

Thank you letter written to Kevin Cottrell from BQ.

Associate membership \$10 youth membership \$5.

Fliers have been revised.

Budget need to be updated.

Prayer - Lorraine Peeler

BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Executive Board Meeting

Date: Friday September 22, 1995

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Lillion
at 6p, LaSalle Avenue

Opening prayer - Lorraine

Members Present:

Lillion, Patricia, Ty, Lorraine, Gina

Members Not Present: Tonna, Sandy, Ann, Patrick, Charley

Lillion updated Lorraine On the Re-enactment and the Premier in November.

Lorraine will edit and finalize the By-Laws

There is a fee to be incorporated, approx \$550

\$150 filing fee for the tax exempt to the federal government along with a letter stating what BQ status is, letter is forward to NYS sales tax to be issued a number. Filing date June 30, 1996. At this time we will possible use the Langston Center 5013C tax exempt number.

The By-laws will reflect three membership boards. (Working Board, Advisory Council Board, and Associate Members.)

Working Board - This is a permanent board consisting of Lillion, Gina, Ty, Tonna, Patricia, Patrick, Charley, Lorraine, Ann, Sandy. A set number of 11 members will be established in the By-laws. This board can and will establish varies working membership and have the power to control other boards. Dismissal of a board member (move to another state, resignation, or ethical issues.)

Advisory Council Membership - These members will be consider by the working board, they must pay a fee, working board will meet with them once a month, they have no power over the working board, but their ideas will be greatly appreciated, they must make a commitment, these people will be key people in the community.

Associate Members - These members will have no voting power, they will contribute to the smooth operation of/for BQHS events.

Financial

Working Board Membership is good for one year, membership fee \$50-100 per year with benefits

Advisory Council Membership - (nothing has been determined)

Associate Members - Must determine different categories (Youth Members, Adult Members)

End of October will be the deadline to vote and finalize the by-laws.

Purpose:

BQ should be incorporated as **BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENTAL CORPORATION**. This is necessary if BQ want to buy property.

By-laws should be a constitution and each board member must sign this constitution and will be notarized by a notary.

Next Meeting Tuesday October 17 at Empire State College 630pm.

BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Executive Committee Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 1996

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Gina at 6:25p.m. at Ann Smith's residence.

Opening prayer - Lorraine

Members Present: Lillion, Ann, Gina, Patricia, Sandy, Lorraine, Tonna, Patrick.

Members Not Present: Charley, Alexis, George K.

A quorum was agreed upon.

Gina called to order the review of "old business".

Ann reported:

A COI was filed on the behalf of Buffalo Quarters Historical Society. We are presently waiting for a COI I.D. number. Upon reception of the COI I.D. number, Buffalo Quarters Historical Society will submit the COI I.D. number, BQ By-Laws, along with 501C3 application for a 501C3 ruling.

Ann reported a BQ balance of \$579.08.

A letter was drafted to be sent to legislator Holt concerning the status of \$500.00 promised to BQ. Lorraine suggested some changes to the letter. The letter, after changes are made, will be sent to Legislator Holt.

Patrick requested status update and clarification on BQ Premier:

Premier: The BQ Premier has been tabled for the time being in lieu of actively working on the August 10, 1996 Re-enactment. Sandy will continue to work on exploring Premier possibilities and report back to the committee of her findings. Lillion will provide Sandy with a contact at Shea's as a possible site.

New Business:

**** August 10, 1996 RE-Enactment**

Sandy reported:

She contacted the Sheriff's county office to get a ok to use one of their cruisers for the crossing. Sgt. Donahue is ready and willing for the August 10, 1996 date. He requested that we board at a different site from where we boarded in 1995.

She will contact U.S. Immigration for crossing legalities. Patrick Wilson will provide Sandy with a name for Canadian Customs approval

Prayer Vigil:

A motion was moved by Gina ^{Rain} to utilize Bethel AME and El Bethel churches for spiritual energy for August 10, 1996 re-enactment. How this is done will be developed by Prayer vigil chair Lorraine and brought to the table for discussion and vote.

Lorraine suggested a parade from El Bethel to Bethel AME where the prayer will be held. The motion was moved, seconded and adopted.

Plaque Laying:

A plaque will be laid in Broderick Park commemorating the first Buffalo Quarters Historic crossing. Sandy will chair this ceremony/event. Sandy motioned, Patrick seconded, and all present voted yeah. The motion was adopted.

August 10, 1996 Re-Enactment Events:

- * Prayer Vigil - chair: Lorraine
 - * Veterans Concert - chair: Debra R.
 - * Plaque Laying - chair: Sandy
 - * Crossing - chairs: Tonna/USA; Patrick/Canada
- The above four Events will be the only events produced by Buffalo Quarters. The motion was so moved, seconded and adopted.

August Re-Enactment Theme:

Lorraine motioned that the 1996 theme be "I'm In No Ways Tired". Pat moved for adoption, Lillion seconded, all voted Yeah.

A Theme Letter will be drafted by Lorraine for forwarding to organizations to notify them that their will be a nominal cost for them to hold a special event on August 10, 1996 under BQ's umbrella. The letter will suggest ways that these organizations who wish to participate can do this. (One way being buying an add in BQ's souvenir book.)

Fund Raising Committee:

Lillion will head up a BQ Fund Raising Committee in an effort to raise money for BQ activities.

Lillion suggested a Concert to be held at Bethel AME.

Tonna recommended a raffle drawing for seats on the "slave" crossing boat.

Both ideas will be handled by the Fund Raising Committee, and once consensus is reached, ideas will be brought to full committee for a vote.

T-Shirts:

Gina will look into obtaining free T-Shirts for the Re-Enactment.

Gina moved to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patrick Wilson

I suggest we consider these comments, Add to them, AND
Be mindfull THAT we don't repeat anything we were criticized
for OR take out anything that we were congratulated for.
Good Things said about BQ's first re-enactment

Pat L
4/5/96

- * The City was ignited
- * Do it again
- * Include more local history
- * Prayer Vigil was outstanding
- * 5K run was great - it brought Americans and Canadians together under for one purpose - the Underground Railroad. That was what it was all about. American's and Canadians working together.
- * You did so much, in so short a time, for so many people of all races.
- * Canadians - Thank you so very much for including us in such a magnificent event.
- * Veterans presentation - That is the first time any one has recognized or remembered us outside of Memorial or Veterans Days. Thank you very much.

Things that could be improved upon

- * Coordination of events - No one was designated to follow up on activities and events. If Patrick wasn't around at St John's for the choir guidance, the Bus would have left. This is also true for the 5K run. If Patrick wasn't around to make the decision to escort all the runners back to the church via private vehicles, they would still be waiting for the bus. A designated person should be selected to be responsible and to see that his or her event runs smoothly.
- * Stay focused on the number of BQ events to be presented at the outset and just do that - do not add on.
- * Was the van driver paid any time of money for transporting BQ, camera men, et al back to U.S. after the crossing.
- * Unclear as to what events made money and what events lost money. Keep events that made money - toss out those that lost money.
- * Document/Record keeping. All documents/records should be categorized and placed in a designated BQ board members hand. That is, one complete set of all that went on before, during, and after BQ's first crossing. This would include all minutes.
- * Meetings - Board or General - keep an agenda - stay to the agenda - do not add to the agenda during the meetings. Agenda additions should be made before the meeting is held. Therefore, a draft agenda should go out to Board members for review and comment before a final agenda is issued.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Spring, 1996

*****CBO List*****

A.B.L.E.Y. (see LOVEJOY NRS)

*****CBO List*****

BLACKROCK/RIVERSIDE NHS (North District)

877-3910

203 Military Road

Fax: 877-3912

Buffalo, NY 14207-2631

Cathy Phillips, Housing & Neighborhood Development Specialist (ext. 5318)

Paul Brunner, Executive Director

Julie Otwell, Housing Specialist

Kirk Wolf, Construction Analyst

Paul Wolf, Board President

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852-3130

780 Fillmore Avenue

Fax: 852-3552

Buffalo, NY 14212-1342

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Allen Brown, Construction Analyst

Marek Parker, Housing Specialist

Arthur Rodgers, Housing Specialist/Homeownership Coordinator

Betty Stone, Board President

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COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION (Masten District)

884-6785

735 Humboldt

Fax: 881-2927

Buffalo, NY 14208-1605

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Florence Baugh, Director of Neighborhood Services

James Eads, Housing Director

Robin Young, Housing Specialist

Denise Wilson, Housing Specialist

Anna Cromer, Board President

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EAST BUFFALO COM. OWNERSHIP PROJECT (Fil. Dis.)

897-1505

1081 Broadway

Fax: 893-7242

Buffalo, NY 1412-1346

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Jennifer Englert, Executive Director

Matthew King, Housing Specialist

Cassie Wilson, Board President

Chris Archie
John Thomas

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644 William Street **Fax: 856-7034**
Buffalo, NY 14206-1626

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Maurice McNab, Housing Specialist
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307 Leroy Avenue **Fax: 838-6919**
Buffalo, NY 14214-2520

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Reverend George L. Reger, Board President

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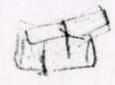
FIRE SURVIVAL CENTER (City Wide) 856-0614
215 Broadway **Fax: 856-0616**
Buffalo, NY 14204-1438 ******* Call First**

Joanne Kearns, Housing & Neighborhood Development Specialist (ext. 5317)
Yerby Dixon, Executive Director
Edward James, Board President

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HISPANICS UNITED OF BUFFALO (H.U.B.) (Ellicott District) 856-7110
254 Virginia Street **Fax: 856-9617**
Buffalo, NY 14201-1938

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Richard Hernandez, Housing Director
William DelValle, Housing Specialist
George Reyes, Board President



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Buffalo, NY 14201-1952

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Buffalo, NY 14220-1852

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Douglas Randall, Construction Analyst
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203 Sanders Road
Buffalo, NY 14216-1310

874-6133
Fax: 874-1647

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Deborah Cielencki, Executive Director
John Lauter, Housing Specialist
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62 Republic Street
Buffalo, NY 14204-2703

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Fax: 856-8273

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David Unger, Housing/Executive Director
Phillip Lowery, Housing Specialist
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PARKSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (Delaware District)

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Buffalo, NY 14214-2324

838-1240
Fax: 838-1249
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Mary Simpson, Director
Lois Baker, Board President

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3242 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214-1324

832-1010
Fax: 832-5099

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Buffalo, NY 14213-2551

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Marie Heiss, Housing Specialist
Janice Soti, Board President

BUFFALO QUARTERS - OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 11, 1996 - 12:00 NOON
BETHEL AME CHURCH
AGENDA

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - DR. LORRAINE PEELER
INVOCATION - REPRESENTATIVE CLERGY
WELCOME - FOUNDER/CEO LILLION BATCHELOR
- II. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS - FOUNDER LILLION BATCHELOR
- III. REVIEW OF LAST YEARS REENACTMENT
VIRGINIA BATCHELOR/SANDY WHITE
- IV. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR ON AUGUST 10TH
DR. LORRAINE PEELER
 - PRAYER VIGIL - HISTORIC BETHEL AME
 - VETERAN'S HOSPITAL GOSPEL MUSIC CELEBRATION
 - INCLUSION OF OTHER HISTORIC ORGANIZATIONS FROM ROCHESTER, CANADA AND WESTERN NEW YORK - LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED
 - BRODERICK PARK ACTIVITIES
 - BOAT CROSSING AT THE FOOT OF FERRY
 - APPROVAL OF INCLUSION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO'S SUMMER PROGRAM -- LIBERTY PARTNERSHIP
- V. APPEAL TO VOLUNTEERS AND OUTLINE OF COMMITTEES
 1. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - SANDY WHITE
 - CORRESPONDENCE -- PERSON'S WITH ACCESS TO COMPUTERS
 - SPEAKER'S BUREAU FOR PUBLIC APPEARANCES
 2. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - LILLION BATCHELOR
 - SHARE ABOUT THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL ETC.
 3. LOGISTICS - MARK DIXON, BYRON LOCKWOOD, LEONARD PLEASANT
 - SECURITY, LOCATIONS, DESTINATIONS, SOUND
 4. PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE - VIRGINIA BATCHELOR / *Jonna*
 - VOLUNTEERS
 - ORGANIZATIONAL COORDINATION *Nadine 1830-1865*
 - PROGRAM ACTIVITIES ON THE DATE
 5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - ANNE SMITH / *ellora*
 6. MUSIC COMMITTEE - DIANE / *Stayles* LIVINGSON
 7. QUESTIONS/ANSWER PERIOD - MEETING ADJOURNED

June 15th
June 14th

LETTER TO BUFFALO QUARTERS BOARD MEMBERS

May 11, 1996

Dear _____:

Our August 10th Underground Railroad Reenactment is swiftly approaching. How well we know the demands that is put upon the Board of Directors during the months of May of June. My concern is that it will be impossible to accomplish our goal for August 10th without FULL cooperation of all Board members.

Open meetings have begun for volunteers and many people are ready, willing and able to get "on board" for this year. On May 22nd, at 6:30PM, Buffalo Quarters will be having a mandatory FULL Board meeting at Ann Smiths house, ___ Longmeadow Rd. Any Board member who is not in attendance, and has not contacted me about why they can't attend will be considered as not interested in the activities of this organization. Please note there will not be any hard feelings, and we do understand that schedules change and job demands often escalate. But we need to know WHO we can count on to help us get the job done.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30PM.

In freedom and commitment
Sincerely,

Lillion Batchelor
Founder/CEO

**BUFFALO QUARTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 1996**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION
- II. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. INCORPORATION ISSUES
 - B. BOARD MEMBERSHIP STATUS
 - RESIGNATION VS. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
 - ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADVISORY BOARD
 - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS
 - SECRETARY AND CENTRAL LOCATION OF FILES
 - C. JUNETEENTH ACTIVITY
 - D. OPEN MEETING - JUNE 5TH - BETHEL AME
 - CREATE AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
 - B. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
 - C. LOGISTICS
 - D. PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE
 - E. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
 - F. MUSIC COMMITTEE
- IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS FROM THE FOUNDER
- V. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE - ADJOURN

April 7, 1997

Agenda

I. Schedule meeting with Mayor Teal

1. Discuss possible dates and time to schedule meeting with Mayor Teal

A. Lights

B. Sound System

C. Parking

D. screens/simulcasting capabilities

E. Meeting Place and time with Canadian Participants and Buffalo Quarters

F. Committee to work with Mr. Nichols of Nichol's Marine

1. Honor Mr. Nichols for his generosity in the U.S.

2. Secure his place of business for landing

3. Insurance risks for the planned ceremony?

G. Membership

II. Program Plans

A. State Side

B. Canadian Side

1. First Nations People

2. Harriet Tubman from Rochester

C. Costumes

III. Canadian Press

Buffalo Quarter

Meeting of March 14, 1999

-Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read

-Jack Custofiro
is responding to fund raiser

-Bio's-
- all have been received

-Attorney Tom Viksjo-
-resolution signing- need note of republic?
-signed by chairmen of board & secretary
-still outstanding- Karima Amin, Tirise Poe, Debra Walsh, and James Rice
- find replacement for Urmise- preferably a banker

-REENACTMENT REPORTS- (would like to have completed by April)

-Tim White-
-no response

-to late to submit budget to B.E.T.
-still need to establish budget-
-estimated \$20,000 / but still unknown

-Nat Turner-
-possibly replace Tim White

-*choir is set*
-need to start writing out program

-T Shirts-
-debating on shirts / will report next meeting

-FUND RAISER-

- \$50 dues for executive board members / include dinner, introduction, and package of

information on event

- *motion*-will be subtracted from \$100 annual due / open for further discussion
 - \$8 a plate -12 people -\$200 total
 - establish set annual due rate
 - *motion*- \$100 a year
 - Felicitor-
 - *motion*- establish to help determine an underlying board
 - pay out of budget or donate time/ tax deductible
-

-BRICK CAMPAIGN

- City Bank- 409 Main St.
 - will help supply/ double check
- set up an organization/ still outstanding

-BRICK CHAMPAIGN- continued

- \$50,000 in park's department is available for reconstruction

-CONCERNS-

- find out cost of bricks NOT donated
 - establish price of ALL bricks/ contact an expert to help
 - *need a budget on bricks
-

-NEXT MEETING-

- Start with Brick Campaign

-PROJECT-

- broke into phases
- Friday, April 23 @ Atrium / kick off fund raisers for reenactment and park restorations

-PHASE 4-

- memorial on stage-
- safety ?
- think up ideas for something more "self explanatory"

THE CROSSING 2000
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 1999 1 PM

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Crossing '99
2. Date of Crossing 2000
3. Formation of a committee : appointment of a secretary
4. Future meeting dates.
5. Setting time lines.
6. Contact names
7. Other busines arising

Register now for

Money Matters!

a workshop presented by The Ontario Historical Society that explores the following topics:

Who has support funding and Who is eligible to apply for it?

OHS economic impact survey of heritage events

Sharing fundraising tips Everyone can be a donor Exchange of ideas

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**Mildred M. Mahoney Dolls' House Gallery
657 Niagara Blvd., Fort Erie**

There is no fee to attend, but you *must* pre-register.

Registration deadline, Friday, October 1, 1999

Space is limited.

Please return the form below to:

Yvonne Hopkins, Curator
Mildred M. Mahoney Dolls' House Gallery
657 Niagara Blvd.,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 3H9
(905) 871-5833, Fax (905) 871-2447

or

The Ontario Historical Society
34 Parkview Avenue
Willowdale, Ontario
M2N 3Y2
(416) 226-9011, Fax (416) 226-2740

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for this series of workshops.

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Name (s) _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone/Fax _____

Organization/Institution _____

"TAKE ME TO THE WATER"



**Buffalo Quarters Historical Society
and
The Niagara Black History
Association**

**in conjunction with
The Fort Erie Community**

presents

A Re-enactment of a Runaway Slave River Crossing

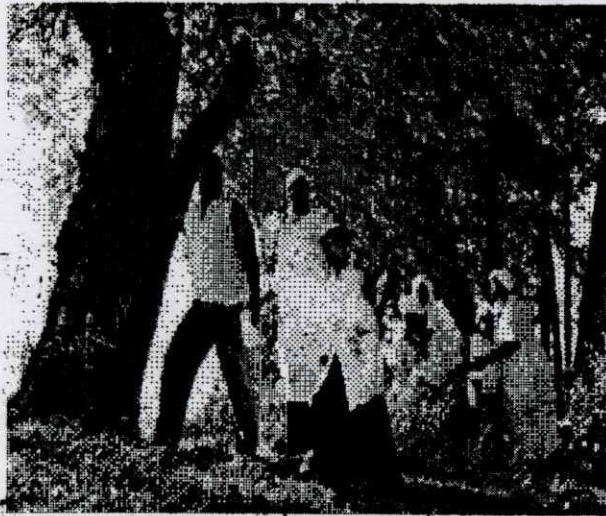
**Saturday, August 14, 1999
7:00 p.m.**

**Nicholls Marina, Ltd.
Niagara Boulevard
Fort Erie, Ontario**

For more information please call

- Mahoney Doll House Gallery ~ (905) 871-5833
- Norville Johnson Heritage Library ~ (905) 358-9957
(Niagara Black History Ass.)
(Bring your own seating)

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Canada

7:00 p.m.
Story Board

7:30 p.m.
Musical selections
by

Inner City Gospel Group (Hamilton, Ont.),
Cedar Grove Mass Choir (Buffalo, NY) and Mr.
William Willis.

Welcome

Norma Tull, president of the Niagara Black
History Association.

Opening Prayer
Walter Cromwell

Introduction of Dignitaries

***The Arrival of the
Freedom Seekers***

Songs of Celebration

Closing Prayer

United States

7:00 p.m.
Welcome ~ Betty Stone ~ Mistress of
Ceremonies

Prayer ~ Rev. Kenyatta Cobb

Anthems ~ Sarah L. Woods

Introduction ~ Lillion Batchelor
(Founder of the Buffalo Quarter Society)

Harriet Ross Tubman
(Majority Leader Crystal A. Peoples)

**** Times of Service ****
by
Mark Humphrey

Musical Programme and Dramatization

***Fugitive Slave Sighting on the
Niagara River***

Prayer and Song

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2000

Present:

Gina Batchelor
Tonnalee Batchelor
Lillion Batchelor
Cynthia Miller
Sandy White
Karima Amin
Frank Gist*

Absent:

Walter Cromwell (Canada Native)
Theresa Pope
Deborah Walsh

Note* A new member has been accepted to the Board, Mr. Frank Gist of "The Criterion". Mr. Gist will prove to be an excellent addition to Buffalo Quarters.

Gina Batchelor, President call the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. A prayer is given by Lillion Batchelor.

Buffalo Quarters Office Space

At the last meeting Karima, Lillion, Tonna and Gina discuss the grand opening of this office. (June 8) a telephone vote was called.

The entire space within the White Press office is our space to be shared from time to time, possibly with CEPA.

The question is posed "whom do we contact to secure the space"? Cindy tells us that "Dennis" the sub-leasing contact person can be reached next week when he returns from vacation. At that time we will think about getting something in writing.

The Ground Breaking

Tonna opens the floor to the ground breaking and what our thoughts are? Cindy suggests office tours. Lillion interjects with the grand opening with Cindy arranging for press. School children from a South Park Public School were to present our group with a check, but this will be postponed with Mrs. Francis, their schoolteacher.

Buffalo Quarter's Funding Source(s)

New member Frank Gist asks about our funding sources. Gina says that Toni Hodge of M&T may be joining the board and contributes her expertise. Gina assures the board that we will receive a full financial report soon.

Towards the end of the meeting Gina does inform us that we did receive \$4,000 grant (2) years ago) from the State members and that most other funds comes out of Board members pockets (money, credit, etc.).

In 1999 The Arts Council funded us with \$10,000 and in that same year Rich Products gave us \$1,000.

Sandy says that we have been designated to receive \$20,000 from the Delegates of the State Assembly for the reenactment and other provisions.

Gina says that a local CPA firm has reviewed our books for free.

(Lumsden & McCormick, LLP)

The Grand Opening has been tabled.

Ribbon Cutting

The Board had decided to pool its energies into the Ground Breaking. We will have a ribbon cutting thou. Sandy suggests the down stairs atrium area for the ribbon cutting. We could also at that time, promote the campaign and reenactment. Sandy could help with publicizing the location and time of the event.

Lillion talks about tabling the group's website for now until a search plan has been completed.

Gina also calls a motion to cancel the ribbon cutting. Sandy makes a motion and Tonna seconds the motion. With a unanimous vote the ribbon cutting is canceled.

Lillion has spoken with the tourism people at Greater Buffalo Niagara Airport. *Ben* Carnevale has faxed some information to Lillion about a possible display in the airport. "I'm Bound for Canaan" is this year's theme. We are submitting a picture in June and Sandy offers to help, as it is her realm.

Communications Report – Sandy White, Chair

The brochure is being printed/revised. In it we will give history of our organization, the UGR, etc. The brochure will also feature the freedom blocks and advertisements for the upcoming reenactment. Media blurbs will also be prepared and Sandy enlists Franks help

if possible. If anyone has an interest in being on this committee, please see Sandy after the meeting.

Brochure

Other idea names for the blocks to be called are presented:

Cindy – Stepping Stone
Sandy - Freedom Brick

DeLew Cather will provide \$1,500 budget for the brochure printing.

Education Report – Tonna Batchelor, Chair

Plan for volunteer for seniors. ^{H. Sch} Something needs to be in place maybe next year.

The Criterion Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Gina acknowledges the Criterion is celebrating 75 years in existence and is owned by one family. We would like to congratulate them by placing a celebratory ad in the publication. Gina will check on the prices of ads by size but will table the issue until more information is provided. Frank Gist (writer for the Criterion) will get size/price info and inform the Board. Gina assures us that we will have money left over in the budget to cover the cost of the ad. A motion is called by Sandy to congratulate the Criterion on 75 years in existence. Lillion Batchelor seconds the motion.

Consecration Ceremonies

The Consecration is to be held at Broderick Park and seven (7) leaders from the community have been invited to join us in these ceremonies. Each individual will have three (3) minutes at the podium, which equals 27 minutes of speaking from our guests.

Sandy calls a motion for a suggestion of the kick off dates for the events to start in June. Lillion seconds the motion. The dates are as follows:

June 20, June 21, & June 22, 2000. One of these three dates is suggested to be the date for the ceremony.

Lillion suggests July for the Consecration. She says each denominational leader can announce the ceremony at their place of worship. At the ceremony is where the bricks will be laid.

news conference 6/20
Sandy recommends that we have the children present at the Grand Opening and then have the Ground Breaking & Consecration together on the same day.

7/00
present at the news conference
Lillion calls a motion to have the children promote the Grand Opening on one of our three dates in June and then have the Ground Breaking & Consecration in July. TonnaLee seconds the motion. A vote is pass unanimously to do so.

Reenactment Update

Contact
Mary Craig will pattern the Indigo on Bailey Avenue to get a feel for the stage. It will be a "Mother & Child" dramatic piece working with Sandra Dixon (Cedar Grove). Gina says we will sit down with Mary Craig and discuss the time frame for the reenactment. We will also contact the Sheriff's Department to find out about the boat ride time frame. The Board agrees to tell Mary Craig about the positive and realistic effect that the music has had on audiences' previous years. Preferably music by the "Sounds of Blackness" because it has worked in years before. Karima, our mistress of ceremonies this year, should also meet with Mary Craig.

Lillion tells us the Canada is all set like in previous years; they have their Quakers and as usual their choir. Sandy interjects with the slave selection for this year and that (Nat *e* Harris) is a definite.

Have

Next Meeting's Agenda

Runaways
More reenactment
Canada issue

*A motion is called to have CeCe Parker paid for her minute taking services today. The motion is pass by unanimous vote.

Karima motions to end the meeting and it is seconded by Tonna.

Meeting adjourned.

Our Next meeting will be on June 10, 2000 @ 1:00 pm.

**617 Market Arcade Building
White Press Office
2nd Floor**

Buffalo Quarters Historical Society Meeting
Tuesday, August 29, 2006
6:00pm
St. John Baptist Church – Music Room

In attendance: 6

I arrived a little late and the discussion in place was regarding the upcoming *Soul's Reunion* scheduled for Saturday, September 9th at 5:00pm.

A sample of the planned Freedom Memorial is to be displayed during the ceremony. A flyer showing the memorial was shared. The actual program for the event was not available, but the format would be the same as that used in a previous similar ceremony. The actual program will include an introduction of the current Board Members following the ceremonial blessings. There will also be a lighting of candles.

Permits have been obtained, but we do need signage indicating the park is closed. The sheriff's department will be available to us. We are in need of candles and something which with to light them. We will need about 100 candles. We will also need to secure a podium. Board Members, scattered throughout the audience, will start to light candles of those participating. We are waiting to hear from the invited Ministers. One of the Board members will contact appropriate members of the media – Challenger, Criterion, etc. We are asked to ask our respective churches to announce this affair.

It is hoped the installation dinner will be held in October. We will need a lawyer/s to put together a contract between us and the bank. This is because we will have several divisions within Buffalo Quarters. We briefly heard about the plan to solicit money on behalf of soldiers and hope Catholic Charities will administer these funds on our behalf. It seems that once service men are released from duty, they are not in a financially secure situation in order to return to their lives as civilians. Buffalo Quarters is looking at stepping up to the plate to assist them financially until they can get on their feet and return whatever financial assistance we have been able to provide. We anticipate being able to do this for next year.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully,
Gwendolyn Veira

BUFFALO QUARTERS REENACTING OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
CONTACT SHEET

NAME	POSITION	TELEPHONE #
Lillian Bachelor	Founder /Artistic Director	834-2584
Gina Robinson	Co-founder/Poster Designer/Program Designer	834-2584
Tonna Bachelor	Co-Founder/Slave Coordinator	893-7648
Rosemarie Kurzdorfer	Director and Production Manager/	855-2225
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Nolie Holloway	Costumes for Choirs	832-5534
Mr. Minifee	Technical Sound Director	886-1406
Patrick Gorman	Sound Designer	283-5616
	Lighting Designer	
	Lighting Opp.	
Betty Stone	MC	896-7805
Sandy White	Publicity	522-4640
	Photographer	
Mark Humphrey	Play Writer	897-4926
Timothy C. White	Actor/ Nat Turner	833-5404
Pat Lo Patriello	Actor/Pattyroller	
Dwight Simpson	Actor/Runaway Slave	854-3226

Buffalo Quarters Historical Institute
295 LaSalle Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14215

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Ms. Virginia "gina" Batchelor	"
Ms. Tyonna Robinson	"
Mr. Charley H. Fisher III	834-0453(H) 858-8604 (W)
Ms. Ann P. Smith 635-2312	832-9108
Ms. Sandy White	833-1561
Mr. Patrick Wilson	856-4745
Ms. Pat Ragin	877-1735
Ms. Lorraine Peeler	691-0542(H) 829-3474(W) 829-3655(Fax)
Cynthia Mehary	833-7198 hm 888-7177 wk

Tom Harris
822-2881
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 Johnson, Lenora 883-6173
 Johnson, Tim (same#)
 Joyner, Mattie 193 Howard St. 14206 847-2875
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 Lewis, Valeria L. 144 Linden Ave. 836-7212 (Special Education)
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 882-0027W 882-2429fax
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 Peters, Jan 856-0363
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 Price, Natalie 834-7634 868-9191 voice mail
 Ransom, Deberra 51 Rich St. 14211 892-1507
 Richardson Jr., Lawrence 74 Hedley Pl. 882-0230
 Roberts, Bobby J. 17 Cambridge Ct. 856-0369
 Robinson, Malek 534 E. Ferry 886-64862

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BUFFALO QUARTERS 1995

EXPENSES

- Licences / Permits
- Insurance 600.00
- Security
- Postage 2,000.00
- Printing (Posters) 250.00
- Transportation (Gasoline) 50.00
- Sound Rental 500.00
- Stationery 100.00
- Uniforms / Tee Shirts 50.00
- Wardrobes / Attire 50.00
- Stage Equipment Rentals 1,400.00
- Telephone (Long Distance) 100.00
- Time Capsule 500.00

REVENUES

- Concessions
- Dinner
- Donations
Boat Ride

" BUFFALO QUARTERS "

1/26/95 Re-Enactment Of The Underground Railroad

Sandy White - Public Relations

Gospel Choirs - Negro Spirituals

Volunteers

Operating Carts

Transportation Carts

Proctors

Mail (Postage)

Insurance

Permits & Union Fees

Law Enforcement

Purchase

Materials -> The Capote

Multiple Sites Buffalo, New York

Museum & Scenic - Patrick Wilkin, Perry Murphy

Each location

" Light in the Window "

Attrie - poor, destitute

Sale of Boy * Veterans Hospital 10:00 hours

* LaSalle Park 5:00 P.M.

* / MAT Plaza 3:00 P.M.

* Foot & Ferry Street 7:00 P.M.

One Boat - goes across Niagara - "crossing"

Skits

Terrell Tour Guide

2/20/95 Bunko Quarters Mtg.

Lillian Batchelor / Sandy White / Lorraine Pecker

/largest reenactment

2 skirts + boat crossing with choir
non-profit

Black History Month - Lorraine suggested having dinner
on the Friday prior to the celebration

Lorna Hill - MLK Nov-Violet Grad - Liberty Partnership

- Historical Narratives - Petrick
- Community Collaboration - Lorraine
- Public Relations - Sandy
- Budgetary / Grantwriting -

Community Collaboration ^{studies}

Summary & budget due March 5, 1995

Wed Meeting March 5, 1995 5:30^{pm} - Mrs. Pecker

Thurs March 30, 1995 6:00^{pm} - Emporia State College
St. John's Baptist Church

(2)

August - 12, 1995
12:00 - 2:00 PM.

Saturday

- ⑤ Lorraine Peeler
- ⑥ Dr. Marie Ferden - presch

Perrell

Don Sam Pitte - Polkub

Daniel Owen - Ordini Travel Inform Centre 414-871-3148

- ⑦ Patrick Wilton - Husband Society
- ⑩ George K. Arta

Dorothy Hill - Belknap County Partnership

Purpose - Children need to see visual

August 5, August 19

- ① Lilbon Botello
- ② Regina Botello
- ④ Sandy White
- ③ Tyanna Robinson
- ⑧ Dr. Imani Fryer
- ⑥ Chister

2-17-95

884-3617 Toni Harris 833-4925

851-9200 Don Allen

897-0442 Ted Kiddot

Dee Cosby
Monroe Fordham

Proposed Board of Directors

Re-enactment

Next Meeting

Proposed Meeting 2/20/98

Dept of Education

Sororities

Fraternities

Chamber of Commerce

Immigration

Sally/Lynn/Car/Mr. Botello

St John Academy/Nike Valley State

Time Capsule

Recommendations

(20)

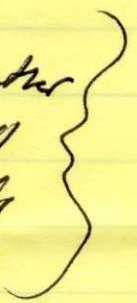
1. Organizing Committee - regular meetings
2. Fundraising - Seed Monies
3. DBA/
4. Establish Mission Statement
5. Secure Date with City
- 6.

Marian Bars
Dr. Lydia Wight
Barbara Sims Esq.



Tributes
3 Honorees

Frank Macomber
Delia Mitchell
Flora Edwards



1 MAT Plaza

Skits

10:00 Noon

Lafayette Park

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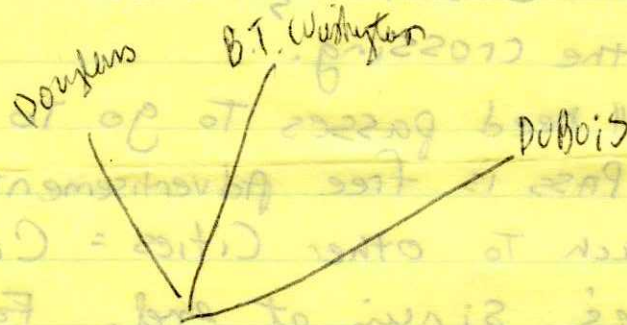
7:00 PM

Foot of Ferry

Choir

Veterans Hospital

Choir



2/25/20

1. 500 people to work the project in similar fashion to "Getting Out the Vote"
2. Target various communities to get the message out
3. Include Women in promotions.
4. Push "Proudness" of community, self, et al to create buy in.
5. Spend out "Flashes" to inspire/alert community of project
6. Put music to Frederick Douglass speech(es)
7. Register families.
8. Gospel Community Hour - AM Buffalo - outreach to religious community.
9. Mission Statement
10. Sororities/Churches are resources for recruitment to send reps to 500 ~~people~~ ^{Team}
11. Foot of Ferry / Veterans Hosp. / La Salle Park / MST Plaza - How many people do we want to attend.

1-2:30
 VET
 Apart from:
 Re-enactment
 people stationed

12:00-1:30	4:00 -	7:00
MST Plaza	La Salle Park	Foot of Ferry
Small Scale	Large event	Biggest event.
Re-enactments	Re-enactments	Re-enactments
People stationed at all spots	MAIN BODY Biggest event People stationed at all spots	CHOIRS

12. Re-program Black men to make them see that they are leaders AND need to be proud of their people. This "vision" can be packaged if done successfully in Buffalo, around the country.

13. A map is needed to give directions:
14. Choir on both sides - American & Canadian.
15. Consider Customs & Two Governments During the crossing.
16. We will need passes to go to the foot of Ferry (A Pass is free advertisement)
17. Outreach to other Cities = Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit
18. Choir's singing at end. Foot of Ferry
19. Fine Work's ending - Foot of Ferry
20. ^{Time Capsules} ASSISTANTS To wear something that will identify them as participants
ARM BANDS with the DATE
21. Black arm Band with Gold lettering
Throw flowers (Roses - Red & White) onto water -
22. Fire works at ~~ending~~ Foot of Ferry on Canadian Side

8/5, 12, 19
8/25 - Dinner 8/26 Re-enactment.

12. Re-program Black men to make them see that they are leaders and need to be heard of their people. This "vision" can be packaged if done successfully in Buffalo, around the country.

1-5:30
7:00
8:00
9:00
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2-25-95

Methodist Dent Club - Niagara Falls

Historical Society - Rochester N.Y.

Frederick Douglass Tower -

Amherstburgh, Ruxstern Co.,

5 laws →

Re-enactments

Patricia Wilson

3/8/95

1. • 501C3 - need to do while planning is going on.

2. Concept = Package / Legal / Protection - Incorporate
if need be - mail certificate to self.

3. Lorraine

Time: give assignments - To be done at next meeting

Seed money: Working Capital

(a) is the City is going to buy

(b) mini-proposals to Foundation - next to Foundation, FOR JUNE.

4a Need Report/plan

Monday - Joint ~~with~~ City Council Parks & Recreation Task Force

3/3 - ~~Joint~~ Lorraine

TASK Force - Can present a very light sketch proposal

Requesting:

- (1a) Seed Money
- (1) Insurance

- (2) Security

- (3) Stand (Logistics)

- (4) Date

5. Need a Committee to represent Quoters

SANDY

4b. Friday: 3/10 - who?

10:00a ST Augustine - Mayor will be there.

6. - Black Leadership Forum - will welcome a presentation.

7 - Talking points: 833-3884 FAX Lorraine

To address - (1) Vision statement

Sandy & Charles

- (2) DATE 8/25-26

- (6) Budget -

- (3) Insurance

- (4) Security

- (5) STAND (Logistics)

7a HAMLIN Park Comm

Hed by Place: \$25,000.00 in cost of }
Purchase: Commemorative:

8. Posters / Packages / T-shirts / Time Capsule

— 15,000 goal — current

< 500 > — Organizing Committee

(Douglas) (A.T. Washington) (R. Bois)

(Barry) (MLK) (X)

< DOUGLAS > < TURSMAN >

Talbot / Wells /

Registering - Fank's

Musical Rap →

- Ted Kidd
- Gospel Choir
- Fleming Report
- Don Allen

LILLION BATCHELOR, FOUNDER

Virginia Batchelor | TUPANNA ROBINSON

BUFFALO QUARTERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

B.Q.O.C. EX. COMM

