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[Cover picture: "Emancipation Day in South Carolina" the color -Sergeant of the 1st South Carolina (colored) addressing the regiment after having been presented with the Stars and Stripes, at Smith Plantation. Port Roval Januarv 1. 1863. (Library of Congress)]

Emancipation Proclamation Symposium

*Legacy of the Emancipation Proclamation:
Its Impact upon America and the African
American Experience*

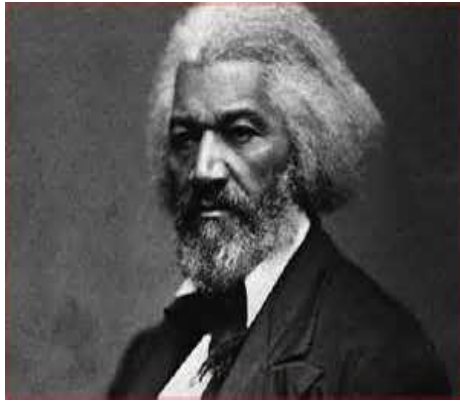


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Saturday, February 9, 2013
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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“Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters US, let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pocket, and there is no power on earth or under the earth which can deny that he has earned the right of citizenship in the United States.” –Frederick Douglass

9:30 a.m. **Joel Walker**.....WELCOME
Education Specialist NARA at Atlanta
Emma D. Hamilton President, AAHGS Metro Atlanta Chapter

9:40 a.m. **Michael Adams**..... Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation
Community Activist

9:45 a.m. **Gene R. Stephenson II**.....Libation
Vice President, Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.

9:50 a.m. **Hari Jones**.....“*Addition of a Powerful Ally*”
Curator, African American Civil War Museum, Washington, D.C.

10:40 a.m. **Velma Maia Thomas**.....Commentary on Music /Solo
Historian, Author

10:50 a.m. **BREAK**

11:05 a.m. **Marvin Greer**..... Major Martin Delaney
52th United States Colored Troops (USCT)
Reenactor

11:20 a.m. **Hermina Glass-Avery**“*Many 1,000s Gone: Rescuing the Voices of African American Women through the Civil War*”
Public Historian, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta

11:50 a.m. **Amina Brooks***Susan King Taylor*
Youth Genealogist

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:20 p.m. **Johnson-Schofield Male Ensemble**.....Musical Selections,
Big Bethel AME Church

1:30 p.m. **Watch Night (Skit)****Sydney Floyd, Aleeza Cadet; Namilla Cadet; Justice Cadet**
Youth Genealogists

1:40 p.m. **Anthony Baker**“*A Sad, Sad Victory of the Emancipation Proclamation*”
Professor, John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, GA

2:20 p.m. **BREAK**

2:30 p.m. **Panel (Speakers &Michael Thurmond)**.....“*Why Do So Few African Americans Study the Civil War and How Do African Americans Fit Into the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War*”
Moderator – Velma Maia Thomas

3:10 p.m. **Gwen Napier**.....*Harriett Tubman*
Reenactor (acc by Soloist Dan Moffat)

3:25 p.m. **Dr. Lisa Bratton**“*The Place for Which Our Fathers Sighed: Black American from Reconstruction and Beyond*”
Professor, Tuskegee University

3:40 p.m. **Video Tribute to African Americans who served in the Military**
Produced by Louis Childers, AAHGS, Metro Atlanta Chapter

3:50 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

The Emcee for today's program is Adolphus Armstrong