



## **GANGWAY COLLAPSE ON SAPELO ISLAND, GA**

### **AAHGS Metro Atlanta Chapter Extends Condolences**

On behalf of the Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), we extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those tragically lost in the dock gangway collapse on Sapelo Island, Georgia on October 19, 2024.

We also send our thoughts and prayers for a full recovery to those who were injured in this heartbreaking incident.

#### **We mourn the loss of:**

- 75-year-old **JACQUELINE CREWS CARTER** of Jacksonville, FL
- 74-year-old **CYNTHIA GIBBS** of Jacksonville, FL
- 77-year-old **CHARLES L. HOUSTON** of Darien, GA
- 73-year-old **WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR.** of Atlanta, GA
- 93-year-old **CARLOTTA MCINTOSH** of Jacksonville, FL
- 79-year-old **ISAIAH THOMAS** of Jacksonville, FL
- 76-year-old **QUEEN WELCH** of Atlanta, GA

These individuals were part of a gathering for Cultural Day (<https://sicars.org/>), an annual fall event celebrating the rich history and heritage of the Hogg Hummock community, one of the last remaining Gullah-Geechee communities on Sapelo Island.

Our hearts are with the families, friends, and community as they grieve this profound loss.

Sincerely,

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