
**Gwinnett Historical Restoration & Preservation Board
Monday, October 16, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford, GA 30519

Present: Sara Howe-Silvers, Ann Bender, Justin Walsh, Matt Butti, Amelia Porter

Absent: Demetrios Lambros

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. The Board made a motion to add the Livsey Family Big House Restoration Project to Project Updates
{Action: Approved; Motion: Butti; Second: Bender; Vote: (4-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Bender-Yes, Walsh-Yes, Butti-Yes}
 - b. The Board made a motion to approve the amended agenda
{Action: Approved; Motion: Butti; Second: Bender; Vote: (4-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Bender-Yes, Walsh-Yes, Butti-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting
{Action: Approved; Motion: Walsh; Second: Butti; Vote: (4-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Bender-Yes, Walsh-Yes, Butti-Yes}
5. Announcements (Board Members)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - a. Charles Hale Memorial Quilt Unveiling Ceremony
 - i. The Board made a motion to request the County and the City of Lawrenceville work with the Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition to support the Unveiling Ceremony that will take place in 2024
{Action: Approved; Motion: Bender; Second: Butti; Vote: (4-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Bender-Yes, Walsh-Yes, Butti-Yes}
8. Project Updates
 - a. Staff member Cammie Mansfield presented on the following:
 - i. Hooper-Renwick Preservation Project
 - ii. Preservation Hall of Fame
 - b. Staff member Glenn Boorman presented on the following:
 - i. Livsey Family Big House Restoration Project

9. Program Updates

- a. Staff member Jason West presented on the following:
 - i. Upcoming Historical and Cultural Programming

10. Exhibit/Artifact Updates

- a. Staff member Cammie Mansfield presented on the following:
 - i. Report for August - October 2023
 - ii. Black History Month 2024 – Exhibits and Programming
 - iii. Oral History Presentation (presentation attached)

11. Comments from Audience

12. Adjournment at 6:50pm

{Action: Approved; Motion: Butti; Second: Bender; Vote: (4-0) Howe-Silvers-Yes; Bender-Yes, Walsh-Yes, Butti-Yes}



GSMST 11th Grade PBL Challenge

Preserving for the Future and Entertaining the Present



Who We Are

- Cultural and Historic Interpretive Resources
- Gwinnett County Government
 - Department of Community Services
- We preserve Gwinnett's story!



What We Do

Historic Sites



Interpretive Signage



What We Do

Historic Artifacts



Exhibits

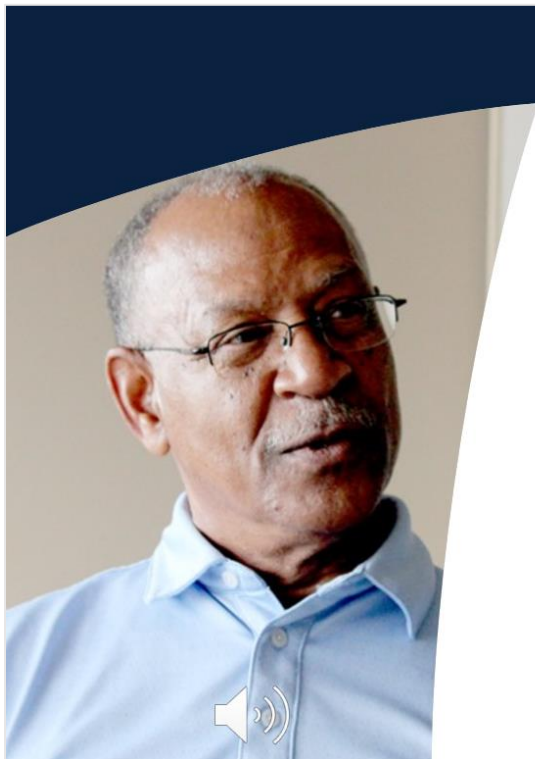


What We Do

Research





Oral Histories



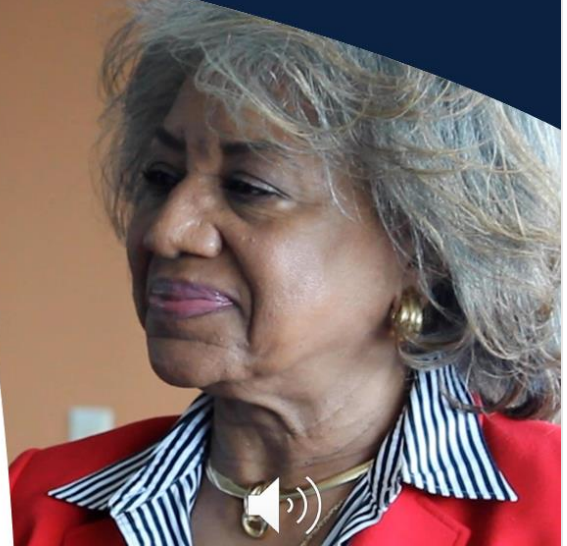
Dr. John Maxey

“...it was close-knit neighborhood. And to some degree, I might add, if we went across town as you got older, you were still-well known, parents were well-known. You were expected to be on your best behavior, and if you weren’t, just because you were on the other side of town didn’t mean that the word wouldn’t get back.”



Joyce Moore

“So, it was like, Well, no. We are not going to allow these Black children to go to these white schools. But what we give them is going to be equal to what we give to the students at the white schools. Well, of course it’s laughable. It was not equal at all. As I said in terms of material, learning aids we had very little. What we got was generally second-hand.”



Importance of Oral Histories



- Benefits future research
- Provides context for other primary sources such as statistics, letters, diaries, newspaper articles, photos, and other historical materials
- Records firsthand account of history from those who lived it

The Problem

Preserving for the Future and Entertaining the Present

Our primary goal for recording oral histories is to safeguard the present-day history for future generations. But why wait for the future when we can be using these oral histories today.

The current challenge we face is how to effectively utilize these oral histories now in a way that will share contemporary stories, raise awareness about the program, and build a community that values and desires preservation.



Next Step

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