



A SENSE OF PLACE: REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF FAYETTE COUNTY'S RURAL BLACK HAMLETS

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ASOP: INTRODUCTION

In April 2022, 12th District Councilmember Kathy Plomin put the topic of hamlets in the Planning and Public Safety Committee for further research and dialogue.

As a next step, a Steering Committee was formed to educate and inform Council and the public about the history of hamlets in our rural communities in order to remember and celebrate their heritage.



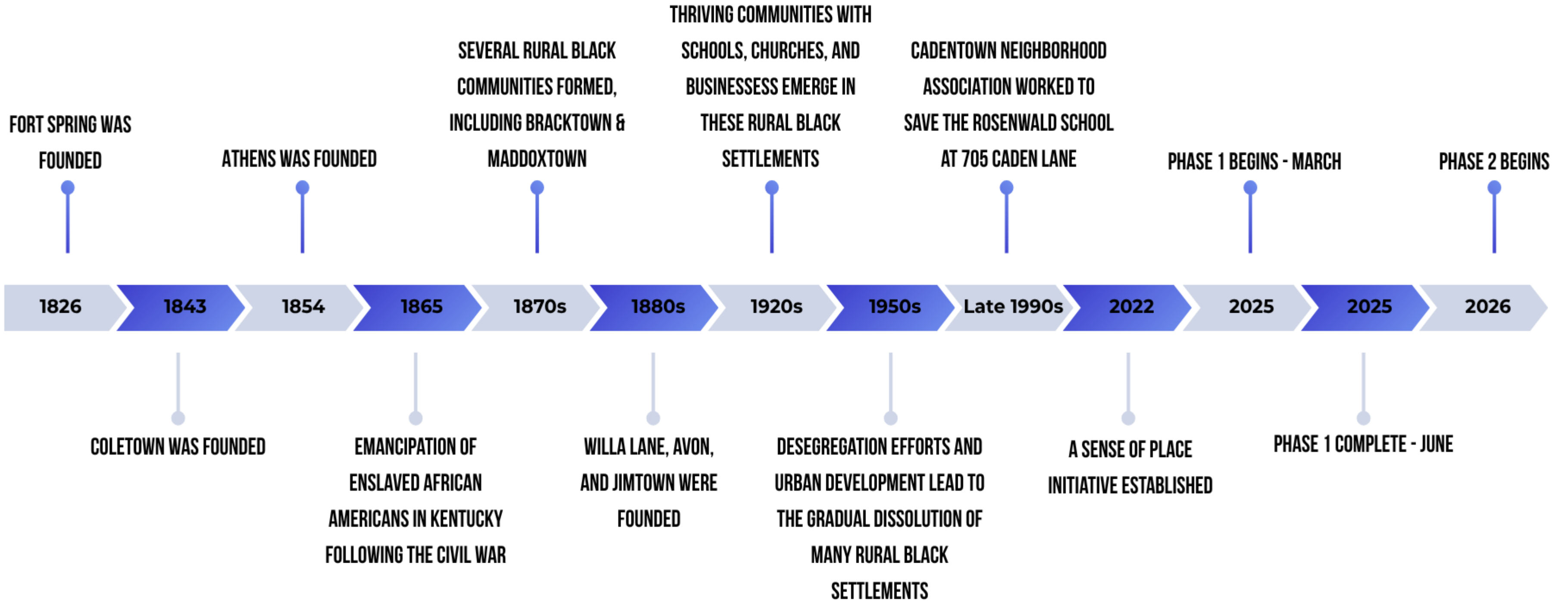


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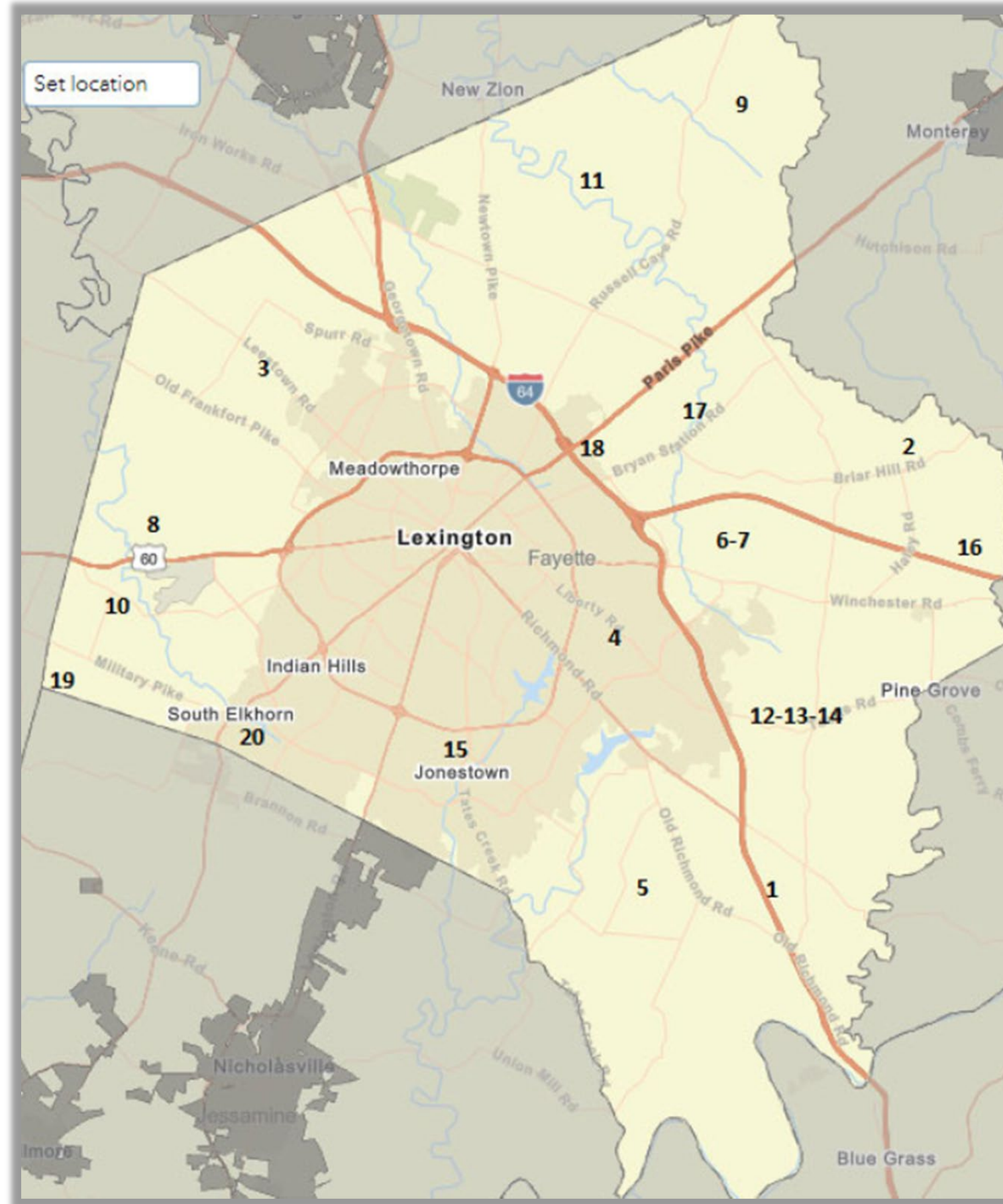
TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS





HAMLETS IN FAYETTE COUNTY

1.	Athens/Cross Plains	1854
2.	Avon	1888
3.	Bracktown	1877
4.	Cadentown	1869
5.	Coletown	1843
6.	Columbus	1893
7.	Uttingertown	1869
8.	Fort Springs	1826
9.	Jimtown	1888
10.	Little Georgetown	1872
11.	Maddoxtown	1871
12.	Pricetown	1870
13.	Nihizertown	1872
14.	Centerville	1868
15.	Jonestown	1893
16.	Willa Lane	1924
17.	Muir Station	1876
18.	Warrentown	1867
19.	Mitchelltown	1872
20.	South Elkhorn	1871





HISTORY OF BLACK HAMLETS



Schools

Education was an important part of the community. Just about every hamlet had their own school. Free school or a Rosenwald school.



Cemeteries

Almost all the hamlets had either dedicated cemeteries or cemeteries on the property of their homes.



Religious Traditions

Along with schools, churches were the anchors of the black hamlet communities.



Economy

Local convenience and grocery stores were part of the hamlet's economy.



THE CADENTOWN COMMUNITY

Conservation efforts began with the Cadentown Neighborhood Association in the 1990s. The neighborhood worked with state Historical offices to obtain grants to buy and preserve the property. It was acquired by LFUCG in 2005.

The Cadentown Rosenwald was constructed in 1923 during a time when Fayette County's Black residents couldn't attend white schools. It ceased being a school in 1943, according to records.

The property at 705 Caden Lane will become a dedicated cultural heritage hub that houses the history and legacy of all the hamlets in Fayette County.



ASOP: PROJECT UPDATES

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS

- Repaired wood siding and exterior building envelope to improve structural integrity and weather protection.
- Installed new windows and applied fresh exterior paint.
- Added an HVAC system to improve functionality and year-round use.
- ADA-accessible ramp upgraded to enhance accessibility for all visitors.





ASOP: PROJECT UPDATES



HISTORIC CADENTOWN CEMETERY *Burial on private family property			
Adams, Addie	ca.1858 - 08/09/1937	Ray, Mattie Baltimore	8/1/1880 - 9/13/1914
Ambrose, St. dea	ca.1871 - 06/04/1899	Ray, Robert	ca.1896 - 02/17/1922
Baltimore, George	ca.1856 - 08/28/1918	Rice, Sarah	ca.1900 - 05/13/1902
Baltimore, William	ca.1902 - 05/24/1929	Seals, Etale Taylor	ca.1869 - 12/16/1931
Baltimore, Minnie	ca.1897 - 11/08/1925	Seals, Green	ca.1895 - 04/15/1943
Baryman, James	unknown - 11/20/1910	Seals, Kitty	ca.1831 - 01/29/1910
Brooks, Mary	12/1876 - 08/08/1910	Seals, Truman	ca.1900 - 11/23/1940
Brown, Annie	ca.1872 - 12/27/1907	Seals, Ulysses Grant	ca.1864 - 03/18/1949
Brown, Cordelia	ca.1889 - 03/03/1924	Silverberg, Frances	ca.1871 - 09/10/1896
Brown, Emma	ca.1886 - 08/13/1943	Slaughter, Charles H.	ca.1882 - 05/18/1926
Brown, Emma Jane	ca.1897 - 05/31/1944	Slaughter, Charlie	ca.1880 - 01/08/1955
Carter, Ernest	ca.1905 - 03/28/1945	Slaughter, Ella	ca.1885 - 05/05/1924
Carter, General	ca.1892 - 07/28/1898	Slaughter, Fannie	ca.1861 - 12/14/1923
Carter, Henry	ca.1873 - 12/13/1920	Slaughter, Jesse	ca.1849 - 04/30/1908
Carter, John M.	ca.1902 - 03/18/1948	Slaughter, Henry Price	ca.1883 - 04/12/1912
Carter, Lizzie	ca.1870 - 02/10/1942	Slaughter, Mary Anne	ca.1881 - 02/15/1942
Carter, Pauline	ca.1887 - 12/22/1926	Slaughter, Smith	ca.1880 - 02/19/1939
Covington, Malinda	ca.1892 - 02/18/1895	Slaughter, William	ca.1904 - 07/24/1961
Crawford, Ellen	ca.1858 - 12/24/1924	Smith, America H.	ca.1905 - 07/12/1932
Dillingham, Arthur	ca.1889 - 05/03/1909	Smith, Barry	ca.1839 - 06/23/1909
Dutton, Mary Willis Miller	ca.1892 - 07/29/1949	Smith, Charles Richard	ca.1912 - 06/09/1936
Eddy, Chloe (infant)	1/18/1926 - 1/19/1926	Smith, Leslie	ca.1909 - 06/05/1925
Ellis, Laura	ca.1860 - 04/15/1898	Smith, Lewis Jackson	ca.1872 - 06/08/1951
Emore, William	ca.1851 - 03/02/1928	Snowden, Joshua	ca.1850 - 02/13/1910
Embry, Emma Whalley	ca.1853 - 02/22/1930	Stephenson, Emma	ca.1855 - 08/23/1895
Embry, George Thomas	ca.1900 - 12/28/1924	Stevens, Willie	ca.1897 - 01/29/1898
Embry, Thomas	ca.1887 - 08/10/1942	Strider, (unnamed infant)	08/1899 - 02/04/1900
Evans, Charles	ca.1879 - 08/06/1980	Strider, Eleazer	1/4/1893 - 7/05/1913
Evans, Mary Howard	ca.1873 - 07/12/1853	Strider, Mildred	ca.1855 - 09/08/1935
Evans, Nancy	ca.1827 - 02/13/1915	Strider, William	ca.1862 - 01/12/1929
Figg, Oellie	ca.1865 - 01/16/1929	Taulbert, Bettie	ca.1904 - 09/30/1922
Figg, Sarah	ca.1863 - 05/06/1945	Taulbert, Hazel (stillborn)	03/31/1933
Fishback, Qubeaner (infant)	07/09/1937	Taulbert, Johnson	ca.1906 - 08/22/1923
Fisher, Joseph (infant)	01/05/1899	Porter, Sarah (infant 9 weeks)	ca.1835 - 04/18/1898
Foster, Minnie	ca.1892 - 09/11/1944	Price, May	ca.1872 - 11/03/1922
Green, Robert	ca.1906 - 01/22/1924	Price, Sallie Jackson	ca.1892 - 04/03/1908
Green, William	ca.1847 - 07/05/1923	Thomas, John (infant of)	08/12/1910
Grisby, George	ca.1889 - 04/14/1937	Thomas, Mary B. Glvens	ca.1891 - 10/11/1988
Harris, Rosie (Rosa)	ca.1838 - 01/07/1913	Turner, Helena	ca.1871 - 11/04/1920
Harris, William Morton, Sr.	ca.1888 - 10/18/1947	Washington, Rebecca	10/1894 - 01/10/1895
Hawkins, Eliza	ca.1869 - 12/29/1927	Whalley, George	unknown - 11/11/1913
Hawkins, John	ca.1840 - 09/18/1923	Whalley, Lewis	ca.1807 - 05/19/1921
Hawkins, Sarah	ca.1882 - 04/08/1934	Wheeler, Hannah	ca.1830 - 01/08/1895
Hayes, Anna T. (infant of)	07/10/1922	White, Henry	ca.1854 - 10/05/1914
Hayes, Davey L.	04/1939 - 08/27/1939	Wilson, Katie	ca.1869 - 11/26/1907
Hayes, Elia Jane family lot	ca.1871 - 12/12/1950*	Winkfield, Narcissus Morton	ca.1846 - 01/08/1962
Hayes, Ivan	ca.1900 - 08/01/1945		
Hayes, Nelson	ca.1869 - 11/02/1903		
Hayes, Will	ca.1873 - 08/30/1949		
Howard, Charlie	ca.1872 - 05/25/1951	Maupin, Bell	ca.1851 - 04/22/1911
Huston, Jessie	ca.1899 - 10/20/1914	Maupin, Fredrick	ca.1835 - 02/28/1910
Jackson, Luella	ca.1891 - 06/20/1941	Maupin, Mack	ca.1854 - 11/09/1933
Jackson, Mary	ca.1872 - 09/16/1922	Miller, Emma	ca.1887 - 07/30/1930
Johnson, Andrew W.	ca.1886 - 01/28/1947	Miller, Margaret (infant)	04/1930 - 09/02/1930
Johnson, Billy	ca.1859 - 05/26/1931	Morgan, Lattie	ca.1815 - 03/30/1895
Johnson, Clarence M.	ca.1853 - 01/07/1941	Morgan, Samuel	ca.1807 - 03/25/1895
Johnson, Green	ca.1877 - 04/01/1931	Morton, Beatrice	10/1926 - 07/10/1923
Johnson, Harriet	ca.1843 - 05/04/1903	Morton, Charles family cemetery	11/26/1918*
Johnson, John Wesley	ca.1876 - 11/14/1947	Morton, (infant) family cemetery	08/04/1938*
Johnson, Loyd	10/18/1881 - 01/17/1941	Morton, James T.	ca.1917 - 03/31/1927
Johnson, Richard J.	ca.1923 - 05/03/1927	Morton, James	ca.1885 - 08/23/1895
Johnson, Searcy C. (infant)	1/06/1931 - 1/07/1931	Morton, Lucy Seals	ca.1841 - 06/27/1925
Johnson, Susan	ca.1839 - 02/15/1924	Morton, Margaret Louise	ca.1924 - 03/11/1930
Johnson, Susie C.	ca.1888 - 11/18/1956	Morton, Marie (infant)	05/1918 - 07/21/1918
Johnson, Will	ca.1872 - 04/14/1928	Morton, Mattie Jones	ca.1894 - 02/07/1958
Jones, Willie	ca.1873 - 02/17/1907	Morton, Mattie (stillborn)	ca.1920 - 08/20/1938
Jones, Chris	ca.1884 - 06/28/1954	Morton, William Thomas	ca.1886 - 11/20/1955
Jones, Mark	unknown - 08/24/1925	Morton, William Thomas	ca.1924 - 12/01/1933
Jones, Robert	ca.1899 - 10/17/1947	Mosby, Anna	ca.1892 - 05/04/1914
Jones, Roy	ca.1898 - 02/17/1922	Mosby, Joseph (infant)	06/1896 - 11/23/1896
Kelly, Bell	ca.1872 - 09/10/1905	Myers, Josephine	ca.1853 - 12/29/1933
Knight, Lydia	ca.1860 - 03/03/1915	Nelson, Matt	ca.1854 - 03/12/1919
Lewis, Charles (infant)	02/28/1902	Nelson, Witi	3/15/1882 - 1/05/1912
Lewis, Joe	ca.1890 - 07/09/1968	Payne, Henry	unknown - 03/28/1896
Marshall, Henry	ca.1840 - 07/06/1961	Pearson, Andrew	ca.1882 - 08/28/1902
Marshall, Sherman	ca.1926 - 08/14/1940	Porter, Sarah (infant 9 weeks)	09/29/1905
Marshall, Wallace	ca.1911 - 09/06/1953	Price, May	ca.1878 - 11/14/1902
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CEMETERY CLEAN UP AND SITE IDENTIFICATION

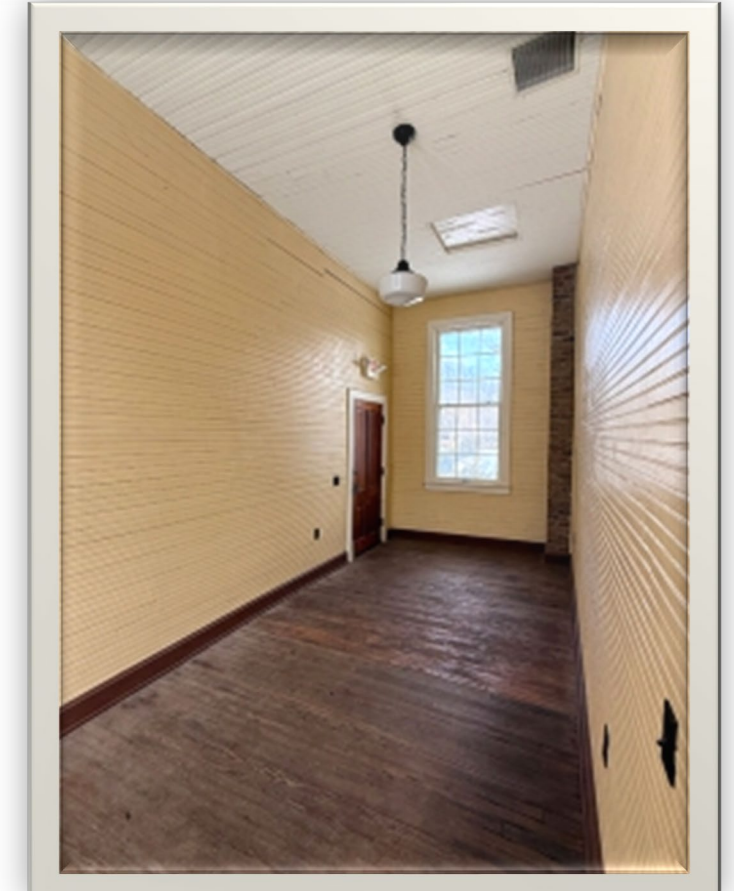
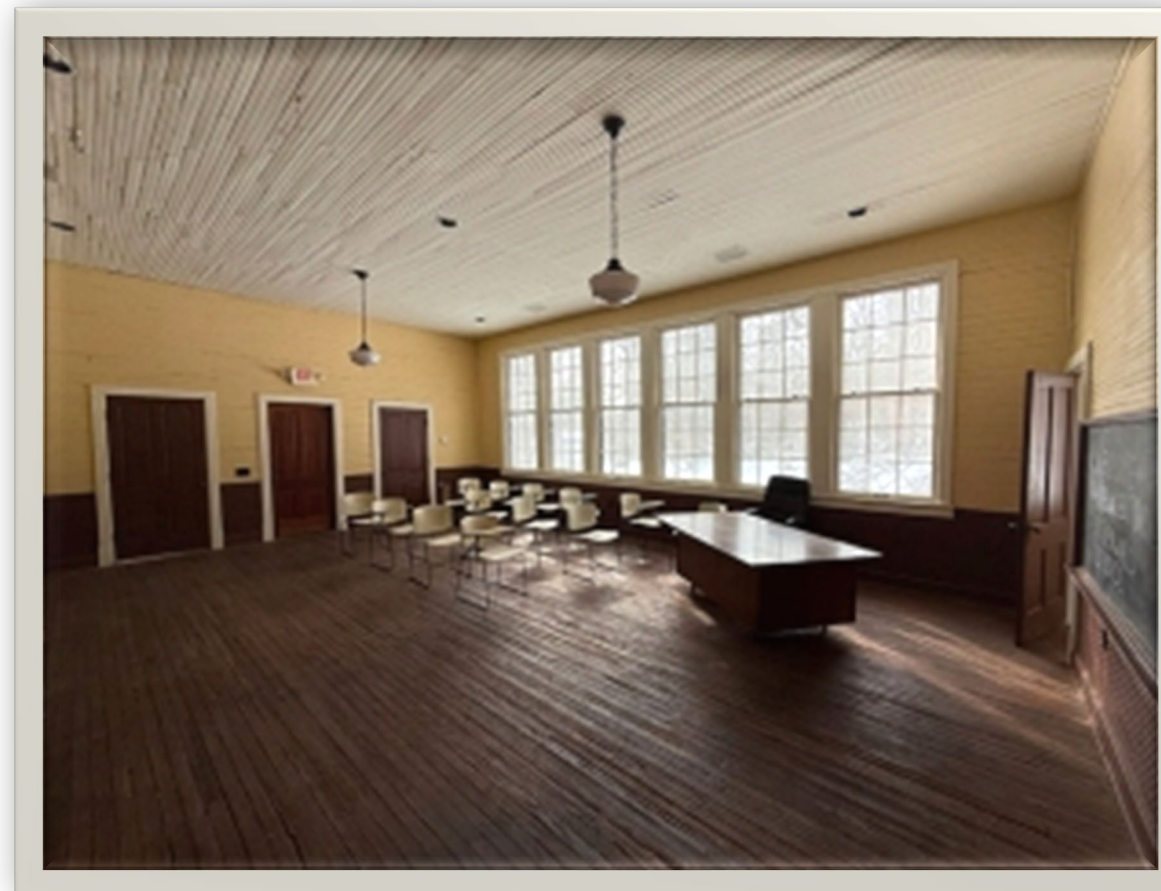
- Dead and Invasive vegetation removal is ongoing.
- Comprehensive cemetery survey completed using geophysical, metal detecting, pedestrian, and LiDAR methods to identify potential unmarked burials.
- Temporary cemetery marker installed in November 2025 to recognize and commemorate the historic Cadentown Cemetery site.



ASOP: PROJECT UPDATES

EXHIBIT DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDY

- Feasibility study completed in March 2025 by Travis Robinson to evaluate options for housing an exhibit at the Cadentown Historic Site.
- Proposed development of "A Sense of Place" permanent exhibition in the Old Cadentown Baptist Church, a traveling exhibit, and educational exhibits on Rosenwald Schools and local history.
- Recommended site enhancements include interpretive signage, cemetery access improvements, exterior lighting, artifact preservation planning, and continued restoration of historic structures.





ASOP: PROJECT UPDATES



CHURCH, RESTROOM & SITE RENOVATION

- Steven Albert & Associates completed a cost estimate for improvements recommended in the Feasibility Study.
- Phase 1 improvements include an ADA-accessible pathway connecting the schoolhouse and church to improve safe and inclusive site access, installation of restroom facilities to support visitors, programming, and long-term site usability. Exterior repairs and enhancements to the Old Cadentown Baptist Church to stabilize and preserve the structure.





ASOP: FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The initial fundraising goal for school, church, cemetery, and programming was \$500,000.

CURRENT STATUS

Total Raised: **\$721,561.83**

Total Expended: **\$201,132.83**

Current Balance: **\$520,429**

GRANT ACTIVITY

Grants Awarded: **5**

Grants Pending: **5**



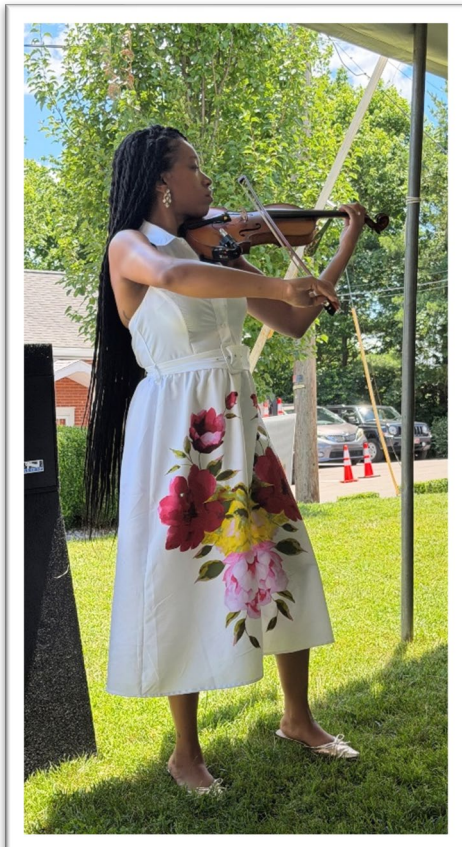


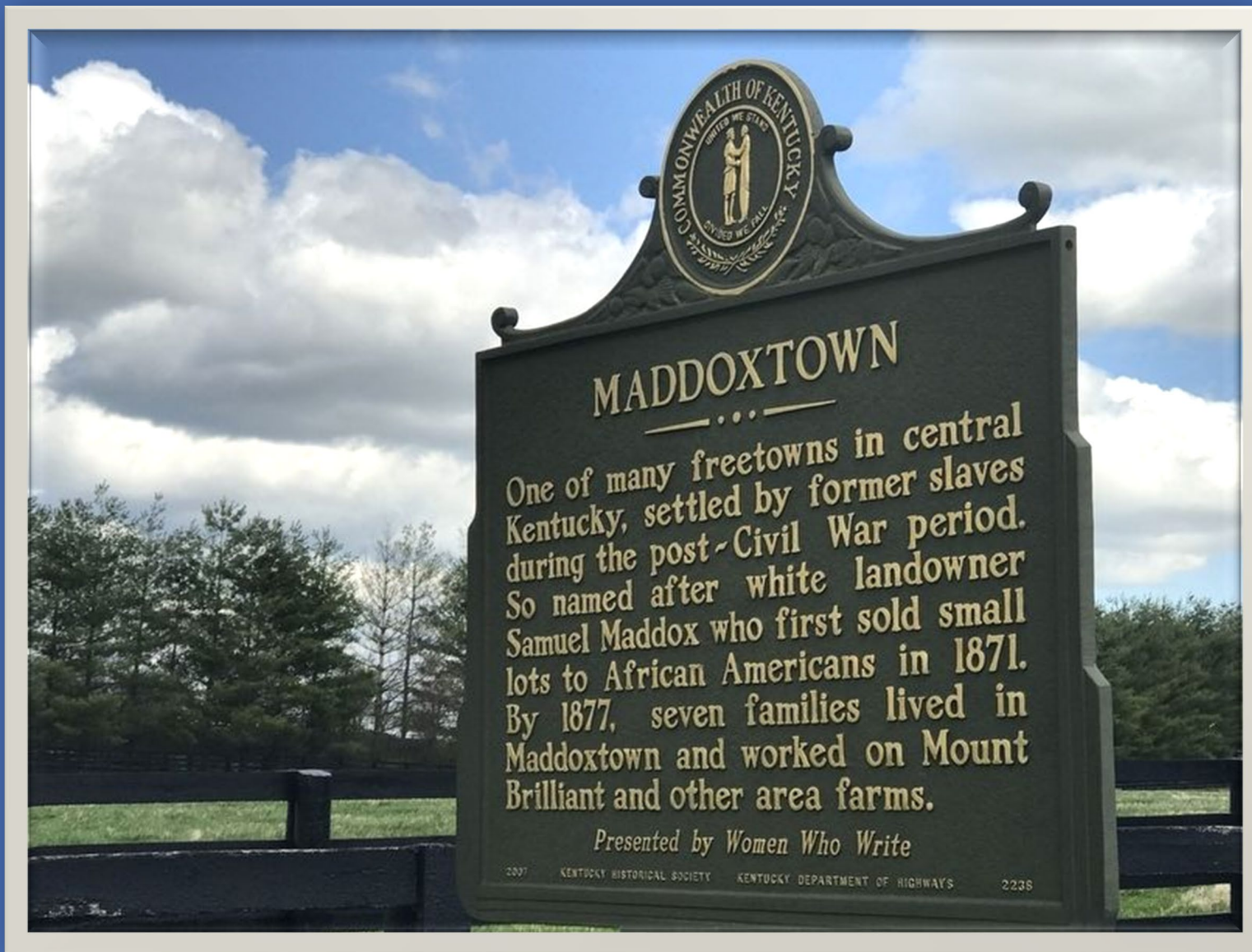
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Hosted multiple public community engagement meetings, including oral history sessions and artifact collection efforts.
- Established a steering committee composed of community members, including representatives from historic hamlet communities.
- The annual Juneteenth Celebration continues to serve as a key opportunity to connect with residents, share history, and strengthen community relationships.
- Ongoing engagement efforts ensure the community voice remains central to planning and preservation efforts.



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HISTORIC MARKER GRANT PROGRAM

The Sense of Place Historic Marker Mini Grant Program aims to support the installation of historic markers that highlight significant historical sites within our community. This program encourages local engagement in preserving and promoting our shared heritage.

The program framework is being developed (application process, review committee, research roles, and guidelines).

Awaiting final program structure and approval guidelines from the Department of Historical Preservation to ensure alignment and consistency.



ASOP PATH FORWARD

Comprehensive Community Engagement

Continue our robust community engagement process to gather input from residents, stakeholders, and preservation experts on the unique needs and priorities of these historic black hamlets.

Historic Resource Inventory and Assessment

Conduct a comprehensive inventory and assessment of the historic Black resources and landmarks within these hamlets, including buildings, structures, and cultural landscapes, to identify future opportunities to educate and preserve their history.

Capacity Building and Historic Tourism

Invest in capacity-building initiatives and economic development strategies to empower residents and support the long-term vibrancy and self-determination of these historic black hamlets.

Organizational Structure

Establish a clear organizational structure and develop long-term operational plans for the Cadentown Historic Site and the ASOP program, including strengthening governance, aligning partnerships, and building the systems necessary to ensure sustainable operations, ongoing preservation, and continued programming that support the site's mission and community impact.



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