

## AAHGS - Prince George's County Special Events

**FREEDMEN'S BUREAU INDEXING TRAINING - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cultural Hall, 5300 Auth Road, Suitland, MD 20746, Thursday, September 10, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** - Join AAHGS-PGCM and participate in the nationwide [Freedmen's Bureau Project](#)\*. The Freedmen's Bureau was organized near the end of the American Civil War to assist newly freed slaves in 15 States and the District of Columbia. The Bureau opened schools, managed hospitals, rationed food and clothing for the destitute, solemnized marriages, and much more. In the process it gathered priceless handwritten, personal information on potentially 4 million African Americans.

The purpose of the [Freedmen's Bureau Project](#) is to index records for those four million former slaves for the period 1865 thru 1872. Indexing will make records created by the Freedmen's Bureau searchable online. When completed, the index will make it easier to find information online about African American ancestors torn apart by slavery. Types of records to be indexed include:

- Education Records
- Labor Contracts, Indentures and Apprenticeship Records
- Land and Property Records



- Court Records
- Hospital and Patients' Records
- Records of Complaint

**Be a part of history!**

**For more information, or to join the Freedmen's Bureau Project contact [JLMadison@Verizon.net](mailto:JLMadison@Verizon.net) or 301-283-0686**

\*The Freedmen's Bureau Project was created as a set of partnerships between FamilySearch International and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), and the California African American Museum (CAAM).



**MARYLAND LEGACY DAY-** Saturday, November 21, 2015, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at the LDS, Family History Center, 5300 Auth Road, Suitland, MD. The guest speaker is the award winner historian, international lecturer, author, and historian of the African Diaspora, C.R. Gibbs. Maryland Legacy Day is one of the AAHGS-PGCM Chapter's flagship program, held annually in November. The event highlights African Americans contributions to the history of Maryland. November is selected for this special annual program to remind us that on November 1, 1864, Maryland freed all slaves within the State.

**Sunday, December 13, 2015, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**



## **AAHGS-PGCM-Awards Brunch**

**9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway**  
**Fort Belvoir, VA 22060**

**All you can eat  
brunch, desserts,  
and beverages**

**\$30 per person**

**Send payment to  
AAHGS-PGCM Treasurer  
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by December 1, 2015**

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