



Finding Your Ancestors' Voices: A Symposium in Celebration of Black History Month

Date: 02/20/10

Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Location: National Archives at
Atlanta

**There is no charge
for this workshop.**

This year's Feb. 20 "Finding Your Ancestors' Voices" Family History Symposium will serve as the appropriate closing event for the National Archives at Atlanta's "Documented Rights" exhibit that gives a voice to the struggle for freedom as part of Black Family History Month. The program will include presenting the Community Service Award to Martin Luther King, III, the eldest son of the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

In partnership with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the all-day, free symposium will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Archives at Atlanta located in Morrow, Ga. at 5780 Jonesboro Rd.

The symposium will include a complimentary lunch provided by Chick-fil-A for registered attendees. Seating is limited so attendees must register ahead and are encouraged to register online at www.blackfamilyhistoryday.com or by calling 404-252-4864. Registered attendees should arrive prior to 10 a.m. to check-in. Attendees will receive a free packet of materials along with a CD that contains the Freedman Bank information that was released in 2001 through the efforts of the LDS Church.

The day's workshops will feature speakers and authors addressing tools for researching and writing one's family history, snapshots of the King Family's genealogy, and a discussion of exciting new digitization projects that will provide even greater access to information including 4,000 slave manifests from the Port of Savannah, Ga., dating as far back as 1790, and World War II draft cards.

One of the highlights of the symposium will be the presentation of the Community Service Award to honoree Martin Luther King, III—an Atlanta leader who is an American human rights advocate and community activist. King's accomplishments include serving on the Fulton County Commission from 1987 to 1993 and as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization founded by his father. To carry on the legacy of his parents, in 2006 King founded Realizing the Dream whose mission is "To champion freedom, justice, and equality by working to eliminate poverty, build community and foster peace through nonviolence."

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