



Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.
Metro Atlanta Chapter
Founded 2000

THE CHAPTER'S HISTORY

INCEPTION OF AN ATLANTA CHAPTER

The inception of a chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. is credited to Courtney Cannon Scott. In August of 1999, Ms. Cannon Scott emailed people in the Atlanta area and invited all who were interested to attend the first meeting of a chapter of AAHGS. Ms. Cannon Scott did not join the chapter. Nonetheless, Doris and Monica felt she should be given credit for the inception of having a chapter in the Atlanta area. The August, 1999 meeting was to be held at the Raddison Hotel on Old National Highway at Interstate 285 on a Sunday afternoon. That meeting did not take place. However, several people who later became charter members of the Chapter were at the Raddison Hotel for that meeting. Several in the group who had gathered in the lobby started to exchange phone numbers. Two of the people who exchanged numbers were Monica Hackney and Doris J. Posey. Both were researching their families and had heard about the meeting.

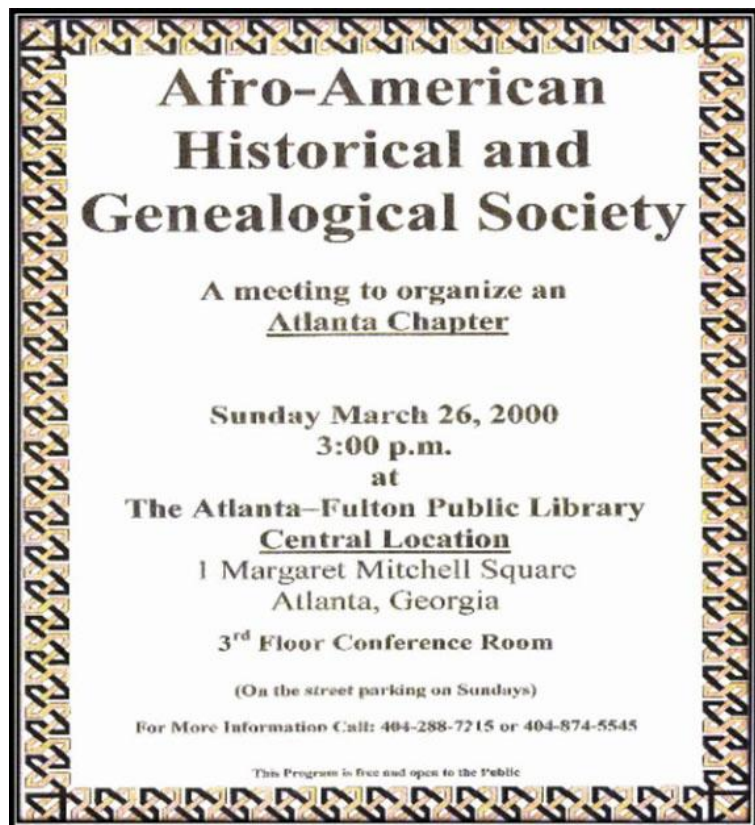
THE NATIONAL OFFICE IS CONTACTED

Before the end of 1999, Doris Posey and Monica Hackney met again in the Central Branch of the Atlanta Fulton Public Library's Genealogy Department. Doris Posey was there doing research and

Monica Hackney was an employee in the department. After realizing that both had been at the Raddison, the conversation about the chapter started almost jokingly. Doris said (not seriously at the time) that if no one was following up on the chapter here in Atlanta, maybe we should do it. Monica later asked Doris if she had been serious when she said what she did about starting the chapter. That question was the official beginning of the Metro Atlanta Chapter of AAHGS, Inc. Doris drafted a letter to AAHGS in January and asked for clarification of the status of an Atlanta Chapter.

THE WORK TO ORGANIZE STARTS

In February of 2000, the first meeting of the Atlanta Start Up Chapter was held at the Central Branch of the Atlanta Fulton Public Library. The meetings were announced by flyers placed at the local libraries, the National Archives and the State Archives. The interest in starting a chapter was increasing and the number of people attending the meetings was also increasing. The National group of AAHGS, Inc. provided detailed information as to the requirements for a chapter and soon indicated that a chapter was not in existence in this area. Meetings were held monthly, the Certificate of Existence for the national chapter was obtained. The Georgia Secretary of State was petitioned for the chapter to operate as a non-profit organization in Georgia. A post office box was opened in the name of the chapter and the meetings continued.



THE NAME OFFICIALLY CHANGES TO THE “METRO ATLANTA CHAPTER”

In July of 2000, twenty-one paid members of the Start-Up Chapter voted to name the chapter officially as the “Metro Atlanta Chapter”. Ten votes were for the Metro Atlanta Chapter name and 7 votes were for “Atlanta Chapter”. Four members did not vote. Ms. Linda Lundy, Secretary, conducted the polling.

OFFICERS ARE NAMED AND THE CHAPTER IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS A START-UP CHAPTER BY NATIONAL

A requirement of the National office was that officers’ names along with checks for a minimum of ten paid members (including names and addresses) should be submitted to officially become a Start-Up Chapter. The first officers’ names submitted were: **Monica Hackney and Doris J. Posey as Co-Presidents, and Courtney Cannon Scott was listed as Vice President** (this is a courtesy and acknowledgement of her role in the inception of the Chapter; Ms. Cannon Scott was not, however, a member of National nor the local Start-Up Chapter when this information was submitted), **Ms. Linda Lundy as Secretary and Mr. Louis Childers as Treasurer**. Although National required ten members of a start-up chapter, a total of twelve were submitted to start the chapter:

Jonnie P. Brown	Nikita M. Harris
Louis Childers	Linda D. Lundy
Emma L. Davis	Yolvandra Martin
Wilma E. Espy	Daniel E. Meyers
Beverly Floyd-Abdullah	Doris J. Posey
Monica J. Hackney	Shirley Randolph

THE APPLICATION, BY-LAWS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES ARE SUBMITTED

On September 15, 2000, the Application, Bylaws, Goals and Objectives of the Chapter and a Current List of Paid Members were submitted to National. This was the completion of the process to charter a chapter of AAHGS, Inc. in Atlanta, GA. The Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. had begun.

RESPECTIFULLY SUBMITTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

Monica J. Hackney, *Charter President*

Metro Atlanta Chapter, AAHGS, Inc.

Doris J. Posey, *Charter President*

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