



JACK HADLEY BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM

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Collector/Curator of Black History
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Greetings! Friends, guests, donors, stakeholders, churches and members of the Jack Hadley Black History Museum:

“WE CAN DO IT WITH YOUR HELP!”

More than 10,000 people crowded the halls of the National Museum of African American Museum history and culture in Washington D. C. on its opening day in September 24, 2016. These people were individuals like you with a passion for African American History, with an eagerness to witness and explore this grand exhibition.

As you know, The Jack Hadley Black History Museum seeks to sustain and enhance its' valuable archival artifacts for South GA as a replica of the National African American Museum and in some areas with specific Black Achievers, more relics and documents are maintained.

Annually, we inform our passionate constituents of the growth taken place at this Museum. Unfortunately, our records reflect that we have not received a response back from you, in the past three years. Your comments in our guest book indicate an expressed interest in this museum. We are asking you if you would please consider becoming **an annual donor/member** and contribute your financial support to this museum. **Our mission is: document, preserve and exhibit African American artifacts of historical significance of Southwest Georgia and educate its audiences on African American history and culture.** We are an educational museum that focuses on local African American History and Culture, including nationally known achievers as well.

In your visit to our museum/website, you are provided the African American stories from pre-slavery to the present of African American Firsts and Unsung heroes such as: Dr. King, Buffalo Soldiers, Lt. Henry Ossian Flipper, the first Black graduate from United States Military Academy, West Point in 1877, Plantation life of blacks on the plantations, Jackie Robinson-Cairo, Ga., Jim Crow era in the south, Black women and much more.

As the organization seeks financial support from you, our members, friends, donors, we are diligent in the preservation and exhibition of the story of the African American history and culture with the need to capture this history before it is lost. As stakeholders you recognize that this museum is a viable organization that is a real jewel in this community because of its uniqueness and authenticity in character, display, and archival preservation. This is an opportunity for you to support this museum that has received national and regional recognition as it fulfills its mission.

This year, December 2016, will mark our tenth year, celebrating the Jack Hadley Black Memorabilia/Museum that opened in 2006, as a permanent museum facility, established on the former Douglass High School grounds. Much progress has been made and we continually strive for improvements. We received the Institute of Museums & Library Services (IMLS) federal grant in 2012 of \$32,400 to cataloging the museum 4,717 artifacts and in 2016 we received again the Institute of Museums and Library Services, Washington, DC in the amount of \$115,904.00 The grant award will enable the museum to provide educational programming, specifically as it pertains to the African American experience in south Georgia and those who lived on Georgia's hunting plantations. This program will be for the middle school students in the Thomas County and Thomasville City School Systems initially and

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expanding to others over the next three years. ***“Please note that these were all program grants and not operating fund grants.”***

We are excited about the opening of our new addition, the Perra S. Bell Community Resource Library. The Perra S. Bell Community Resource Library of 3000 African American books. Will serve our community constituents as a reference library for research and enhancing one knowledge of African Americans. We need archives supplies and compute equipment, and funds for daily operation, i.e., upkeep, staff salaries; staff and volunteer training locally and at museum conferences, etc. Without these necessities the museum/library cannot function and present quality historical data for our community and all those who attend

Today, in 2016-2017, we are asking for your financial support to help continually to make this museum available as an educational institution museum for our children of today and for our future generations to come. We were very proud to see thousands of students and adults, to this date, visiting the museum from colleges, schools, church youth groups and afterschool programs since its inception in 2006. The students not only receive a brief synopsis of African American History, but doing Black History Month they are given educational materials to carry back to the classroom, that supports their curriculum. We also have a traveling exhibit wherein the museum staff displays over 500 artifacts at schools, churches and afterschool programs, to share with students not able to come to the museum.

The museum has been a resource for Thomas University’s projects and programs, partnering with several departments at TU on many projects with the Educational Talent Search & Gear-Up program; lectured TU freshman students on EDU200 Introduction to Education class, at a one room school on the “Experience of Teachers who worked at the One room Schoolhouse,” located in this community. **The museum hosted, along with the Tallahassee’s West Point Society, eight (8) West Point Cadets** from the United States Military Academy in May 2016. The West Point Cadets’ Civil Rights Staff Ride, from West Point Center the Rule of law Department. Dr. Robert J. Goldstein stated that they plan to return with more cadets annually, to see the Flipper’s exhibit in the museum and his grave site here in Thomasville.

Your funds will support and make it necessary for the museum become a leading resource for the **National History Day Project (NHD) for our 8th graders at in our Middle Schools.** The NHD annual themes are broad enough in scope to encourage student’s investigation of topics ranging from local to world history and across geographic area or time period, whether it is science, sports, art, travel, culture or even people. We provide the necessary history on local African Americans and their accomplishments so the student can utilize the information to develop their thesis on their chosen topic.

The museum needs funds to support three major 2017 projects for Black History Month: 1. hosting the Third Annual Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Festival. 2. For the third year, we will honor the legacy of a local African American. 3. We are planning a Museum Gala for the Kick-Off of our Sustainability Campaign on Feb. 11, 2017 here in Thomasville and hope you will be able to attend. We will be celebrating our 10 years in our museum facility and honoring my 37 years of collecting and persevering African American history and culture for our community and nation.

As one of the Blue Star 2000 Fine Arts Museums for the past five years, we have provided free admission to the museum to **active duty military personal and their families.** Your memberships and contributions make this all possible for these men and women who serve our country with honor.

Your support is so crucial and vital at this time and so needed. We can continue to expand on the educational component for the benefit of our school systems, colleges, and universities. **We seek to fill the gap where our educational system has fallen short in defining the real life of African Americans**

in South Georgia. We strive to be that museum where people all over the world will come to learn about African Americans in the South from the time of slavery to the present.

We know that for many years, African Americans have contributed immeasurably to the history and culture of our nation. Our museum opens eyes to these great achievers in Southwest Georgia and the nation, from religion to educators to government, sports, military, musicians, inventors, scientists, and medicine, etc.

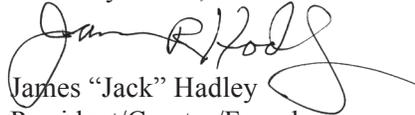
You might not realize the tremendous difference you make as a supporter of our museum, but we could not have celebrated our grand opening in 2006 and continue to be open today, 2016, without the annual commitment of 528 generous financial supporters. WILL YOU and our other 1,215 guests that have visited the museum, but never join or donated, please JOIN NOW, OUR ALREADY 528 ANNUAL SUPPORTERS? WE THANK YOU!

Your gift/membership raised in this campaign will be used for general operating expenses to successfully and effectively maintain this museum. We are a non-profit tax exempt 501-c-3 tax exempt organization; all funds donated to the organization are 100% tax exempt. Please see the attached annual membership/donor form and make your special gift.

Again, we hope you will help and thank you for your consideration of our request. Please consider the Jack Hadley Black History Museum in your estate plans through a bequest, trust, beneficiary of IRA or other retirement plan. It is my vision that, through your support, we can continue to build and sustain this great Black History Museum for every American family to want to visit, experience, learn, and embrace. "WE CAN DO IT, With Your HELP".

Please make your check payable to: Jack Hadley Black History Museum, 214 Alexander St. Thomasville, Ga. 31792. NOTE: Please send us your current telephone number(s) and your e-mail address, to help us save on postage. You can also visit museum's website and contribute via PayPal.

Sincerely Yours,



James "Jack" Hadley
President/Curator/Founder

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Attach: Museum 2016/2017 Contribution/Membership Application and Renewal Form



Lt. Henry O. Flipper-1856 to 1940

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2016/2017 CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL

GENERAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- A letter on the museum updates/ download the Museum Annual Report from Website(see below)
- Free access to research material for students in the Jack Hadley's Black History Museum Collection & the Future Perra S. Bell African-American Library.
- Museum's letter of acknowledging membership and donation.
- Contributions are 100% tax deductible. (501 (c) – (3) IRS.

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