



# JACK HADLEY BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM

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October 19, 2016

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## **Greetings! Friends, guests, donors, stakeholders, churches and members of the Jack Hadley Black History Museum:**

Thank you very much to those of you who fulfilled your commitment this past April and continue to financially support the Jack Hadley Black History Museum. We solicit your support again for 2016-2017 to increase. As the organization pursues funding 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 is to, *“document, preserve and exhibit African American artifacts of historical significance of Southwest Georgia and educate its audiences on African American history.”*

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. Received from the Institute of Museums & Library Services (IMLS) federal grant in 2012 of \$32,000 to cataloging the museum 4,717 artifacts.

I like to share with you also, by you supporting our museum, has make it possible for our museum received on July 15, 2016 a federal matching grant awarded from 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 pertain to the African American experience in southern 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 expand to others over the next three years fund grants. **Note: these were all program grants and not operation grants.**

Today, in 2016-2017, we are asking for your financial support again to help continually to make this museum available as an educational 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. 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.

### **Thomas University (TU) and United States Military Academy West Point Collaboration - Ongoing**

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

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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. This was one of the predominantly black schools from 1900 to 1950s. The museum hosted along with the Tallahassee’s West Point Society, eight (8) West Point Cadet from the United States Military Academy in May 2016. They were the 2016 West Point Cadets Civil Rights Staff Ride from the West Point Center’s Rule of law Department. Dr. Robert J. Goldstein stated that they will return with more cadets annually to see the Flipper’s exhibit in the museum and his grave site here in Thomasville.

### **Public and Private Schools Collaboration - Ongoing**

Your funds will support and make it necessary for the museum being a leading resource for the National History Day Project (NHD) for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders at our Middle Schools. The NHD annual themes are broad enough in scope to encourage student’s investigation of topic 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.

### **Continuous Funding Areas for 2017**

The museum continues to need your support. We need archives supplies and compute equipment, the opening and establishing the **Perra S. Bell Community Resource Library of 3000 African American books**, 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.

### **Three Major Projects Funding for 2017**

The museum needs funds to support three major 2017 Black History Month projects: **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. The Gala will be to celebrate 10 years in our museum facility and honoring my 37 years of collecting and preserving 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 all 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 reality life of African American 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 your commitment and generous financial support. **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...**

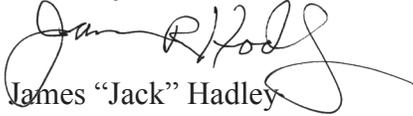
Again, we hope you will help and thank you for your consideration of our request. ***Please consider the Jack Hadley Black History Museum in your estate plans through a: bequest, trust, beneficiary of IRA or other retirement plan.*** It is my vision that, through your support, we can continue to build 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. You can also donate online via PayPal. Visit our website.

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Sincerely Yours,



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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.

\_\_\_\_ YES!!! I want to CONTRIBUTE, RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER of the Jack Hadley Black History Memorabilia, Inc. (check the appropriate box below)

Individual--\$35	Patron--\$275-\$349	Clarence E. Moton, Jr. Endowment Funds \$ _____
Family--\$50	Contributor-\$350-\$499	Mrs. Perra S. Bell's Library Endowment Funds \$ _____
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