

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ↳ Reduced rates for all books and publications
- ↳ Priority registration for all activities
- ↳ American Legacy Magazine (at meetings only, when available)
- ↳ Habari, OAAGHG quarterly newsletter, as available
- ↳ Access to OAAGHG Library
- ↳ Group workshops and speakers
- ↳ Free forms to aid your family history research
- ↳ Opportunity to utilize or enhance your skills and expertise by participating on committees and special projects
- ↳ Interaction with a group of people who share your interest in family history with whom to share successes and discuss strategies to help solve research problems

*"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage—to know who we are and where we have come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum. An emptiness. And the most disquieting loneliness."—Alex Haley*



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## OBERLIN AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY & HISTORY GROUP

*Bringing the gifts that my ancestors  
gave, I am the dream and the hope  
of the slave.*

*--Maya Angelou*



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## MISSION

The Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group (OAAGHG), is dedicated to encouraging support for African-American Genealogy and Historical Research.

## FEES

Annual membership fees cover the calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and are based upon the appropriate membership level.

## MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month, except July, at 11:00 a.m., at the Oberlin Public Library, 65 South Main Street, Oberlin.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in African-American genealogy and history regardless of race or location of residence.

## HISTORY

The Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group was organized in 2000 from a group of friends who met informally around their interest in genealogy. OAAGHG was incorporated by the State of Ohio in the spring of 2001 and recognized as a federal non-profit 501(c)(3) organization during the summer of 2002.

## HOW TO GET STARTED RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

1. Join OAAGHG.
2. Receive membership booklet from OAAGHG with free Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheet.
3. Beginning with yourself complete as much information as you can, by memory, on the Pedigree Chart. (Don't fret over blank spaces!)
4. Complete a Family Group Sheet for each couple on your Pedigree Chart (whether they were legally married or not).
5. Organize your information in a three ring binder or individual file folders (your preference), for ease of use.
6. Gather information that you may already have at home, i.e., deeds, insurance policies, obituaries, funeral programs, newspaper articles, etc. Review and record new information.
7. Contact close and distant relatives to share and gather new information. If necessary, schedule a time for an interview. Review and record new information.
8. Record family stories! Each person will have a different perspective on family members and events. Names and dates are important, but family stories bring people and events to life. Review and record new information.
9. Write for vital records (death, birth, and marriage).
10. Attend OAAGHG monthly meetings and share your successes and ask for advice on overcoming research obstacles.

*OAAGHG is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are fully tax deductible.*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Last Name: _____	
First Name 1: _____	
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Street Address: _____	
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<b>Genealogy Experience</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	
Membership Level:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Lee Howard Dobbins Student Membership [Ages 0-21]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Elder [65+]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12	Dorothy Wallace Founding Membership [Continuous member since 12/3/00]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	Basic/Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	Couple [2 adults/same household]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	Family [2 adults + 2 children/same household]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	Liberty School/Organizational Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	Freedom Seeker/Supporter
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500+	Freedman/Sponsor
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: _____	
Additional Contributions:	
<input type="checkbox"/> In memory/honor of:	_____
Name: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Expenses:	_____
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