

What is it?

The Flat Rock Archives is a research center containing records, artifacts, and historical information about the African-American slaves, former slaves, and their descendants who still live in the Flat Rock community.



In the early 1800's the Flat Rock community was formed along the South River. T.A. Bryant Sr. changed the future of Flat Rock in the 1920's when he was able to purchase some 45 acres of land, which he proceeded to divide and sell to other African-American families through the 1940's. This work allowed the community to stay together while many other southern African-American communities disappeared.

Today the Flat Rock Archives helps to tell the story of the remarkable families that held this community together through exhibits, tours, and storytelling. The Archives is **open to the public** so you can visit and learn about the rich and diverse lives of the people who once lived, worked, and worshiped in this tightknit community.

Mission Statement

The Flat Rock Archives is dedicated to the preservation of the history of Flat Rock, GA and the African-American slaves and their descendants who have maintained their community for over 150 years.



Rev. T.A. Bryant Jr. and family donated the Bryant home to the Archives in 2006



The Archives is located within the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area. This area was designated by Congress to recognize the unique history, environment and culture of the surrounding communities. Learn more at arabiaalliance.org.

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An inspiring destination that is helping to preserve, share, and honor over 150 years of history in one of Georgia's oldest African-American Communities



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Museum and Slave Cemetery



The museum is located in the historic home of the Bryant family. A wide variety of artifacts and family treasures are on display and each visitor receives a personal tour. Museum admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 16. The museum is open to the public on Tuesdays from 10 am to 4 pm, and also by appointment.

The slave cemetery is the final resting place for slaves, former slaves, Native Americans, African-American Veterans & Soldiers of the Civil War, WWI, and WWII, as well as other community members. Many grave sites have already been identified; however the site is still being

professionally documented. Guests can visit the cemetery by appointment only.

Group Tours

Historical societies, schools, churches, and others are invited to schedule a private tour of the archives. Tours can extend beyond the Archives and include other important sites in the community such as the Lyon Farm, an original settler home that is known to have housed slaves. Any tour fees are decided on an individual basis.

Preservation

To help share the story of Flat Rock, the Archives records oral histories, catalogs photos and other artifacts, and preserves historic sites. To help protect and document the slave cemetery, the Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society and Georgia State University are working with the Archives to clean, restore, locate, and map each grave site.



An archeologist surveys the slave cemetery

Community Enrichment



The Archives partners with several community groups to keep the history of Flat Rock alive. Ongoing projects include a lecture series and public speaking engagements, reenactments of historical lifestyles, and community fairs and events. The Archive also works closely with Arabia Mountain High School to provide space and education for horticultural gardens; all harvested food is donated to local seniors.

Flat Rock Archives is a 501(c)(3) organization and runs solely on donations.

All too often the rich history of African American communities is lost forever. The Flat Rock Archives is actively documenting the past while also cultivating a vibrant future for the Flat Rock Community.

Help this special place continue to thrive with your generous donation of:

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