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CIVIL RIGHTS ERA STORIES *of* AFRICAN AMERICANS *in* APPALACHIA

Participants needed for oral history project



Over the years, Huntington has grappled with major economic and social issues. As a result, the Fairfield West neighborhood has lost its identity as the thriving center of Black Huntington. The Civil Rights Era Stories of African Americans in Appalachia project will preserve the oral histories of an aging generation to educate and inspire the Fairfield West community to take positive action in the continued quest for racial equity and justice.

SENIORS (50+) INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Marshall University is looking for seniors, 50 and older, from the Fairfield West neighborhood in Huntington, W.Va. to participate in the oral history project. Twenty selected participants will receive a \$250 stipend for assisting with the project.

COLLECTION & TRANSCRIPTION

All oral histories will be transcribed and the original recordings and transcriptions will be housed with Marshall University Libraries Special Collections and will be accessible online. A photographer will document the interviews.

REFLECTION & CELEBRATION

Participants will take part in a culminating event to reflect, share and celebrate the oral histories. At this event, residents will work to identify the provenance of Civil Rights Era photographs that have been collected for a future exhibit showcasing Huntington's Civil Rights history.

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