

JOCKO GRAVES – LAWN JOCKEY



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THE BLACK BOY
WHO INSPIRED
GEORGE WASHINGTON

the LEGEND of JOCKO

A Landmark in American History, With The
World's Greatest Music - Told In a Dramatic,
Easy To Read, Easy To Sing and Lively Style.
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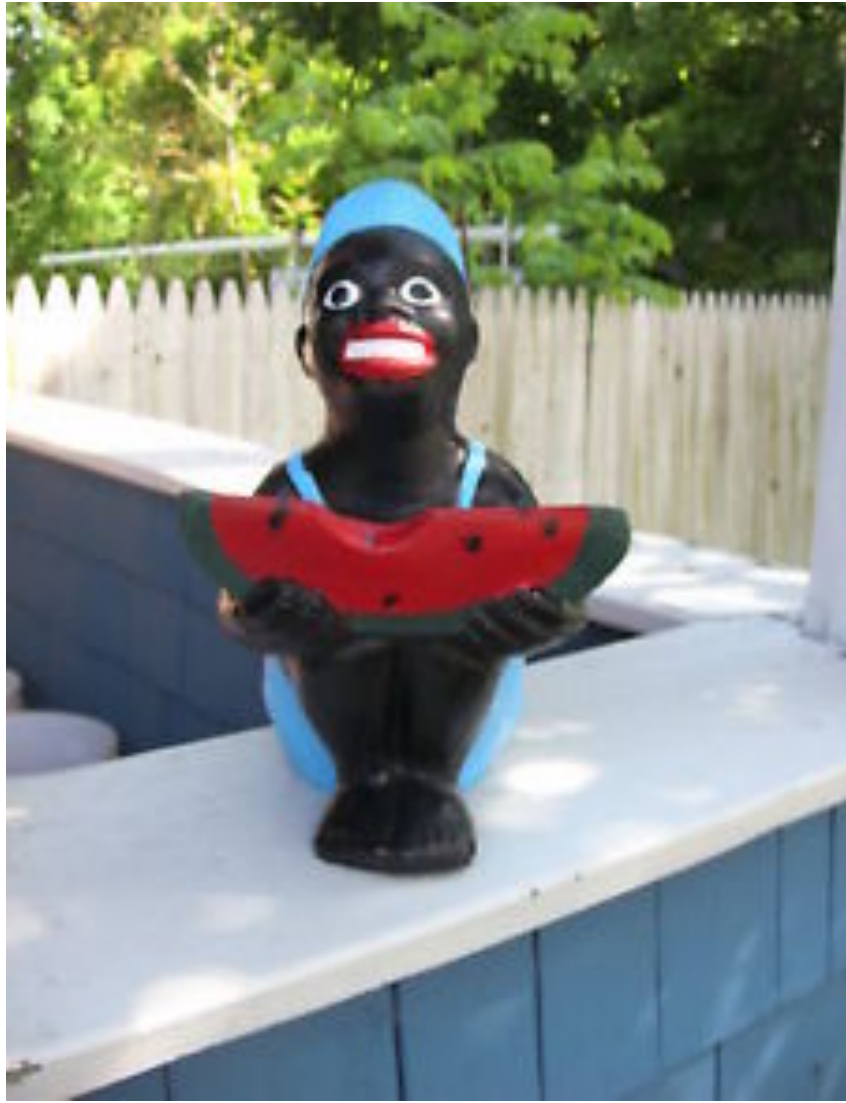


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The Lawn Jockey and Civil Religion

- Encountering Civil Religion (by Stephanie Fulbright), [AASLH History News Autumn 2018 Issue](#)
- Civil religion: Can have a different meaning for place, person and context. The United States has a set of ideals, roles and actions it performs. Civil religion can bond a nation together (think of a July 4th celebration). “Civil religious significance people attach to places, symbols, people and events can be particularly challenging for history organizations to interpret.”

The story of the lawn jockey in front of the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum and the irate African American neighbor. How does this relate to civil religion, (America’s loyalty to the memory of George Washington, the possible association with the Underground Railroad or other people and stories we revere)

- How has the image of the lawn jockey differed in the African American community versus white America? Has the attachment to the George Washington story overshadow the stereotypical image of the lawn jockey because of America's civil religious view of Washington?

Questions for thought:

How would you have handled the irate African American visitor at your site?

Have you incorporated the African American narrative in your institution, historic site or museum?

Are you concerned about how to please everybody particularly if the majority of your patrons are White? If you have incorporated the African American narrative have you experienced "pushback?" If you have not but plan to do so, is there a concern? Are you concerned if your information casts an unflattering light on the families involved with your site?

Know your history! Back up your facts!