

SANKOFA COLLABORATIVES

January Workshop

January 25, 2019

PUTTING THE PAST INTO CONTEXT

Using memories of a neighborhood's past and residents' everyday experiences on tours, live and on-line

- Why an interest in the history of African Americans in Princeton, New Jersey
 - The beginning
 - History of Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church (First Presbyterian Church of Colour in Princeton)
 - Historical Society of Princeton - 1990
 - Exhibit of African American History in Princeton - 1996
- Continuing the history
 - Walking tour of African American Life in Princeton (Albert E. Hinds Memorial Walking Tour) - 1997
 - Power Point presentations and discussions (organizations, churches, Historical Society of Princeton, schools)
- Don't Stop Now!!
 - Witherspoon-Jackson Community becomes the 20th Historical District in Princeton – April 11, 2016
 - Heritage Tour of noted African American sites in Princeton, New Jersey

Challenges Faced

- ❖ Little to no support from the community—at beginning of my history research
- ❖ Needed time to donate to research and writing
- ❖ Walking tour guides available
- ❖ Weather challenges for tours
- ❖ Learning to change from slides to power point for presentations
- ❖ Many meetings with the town Council, Zoning Board, neighbors when planning for an historic district
- ❖ Permissions from present establishments to place heritage plaques on properties that are no longer the historical establishments

On line tour of African American Life in Princeton, NJ –

<https://www.princetonhistory.org/tour/>

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