

Standing on Holy Ground: The Unmarked Graves of our Ancestors — Ancestors Speak Research Project

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STANDING ON HOLY GROUND

- EXODUS 3:5
- CEMETERY PRESERVATION
- MARKER MATERIAL & DESIGN
- STORY OF THE TREES

Then God said, Come no closer: Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground

Exodus 3:5

First Presbyterian Church



Sketch From Nicholas Murray's "Notes"

The Cemetery



The Parish House/The Academy



Cemetery Preservation

313+ Ancestors Speaks Fundraiser Trailer

It takes a village

<https://vimeo.com/699985699/1452df320f>

Marker Material Types



Sandstone

Marble

Granite

Brick

Stucco

Marker Designs

Headstone



Obelisk



Tomb



Basil



Table



Vault





The 313+ Ancestors Speaks Monument

History in Elizabeth

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Wuy9TXcUcg>

The Interpretive Museum



What's the 313? The Ancestors Speak Video Blog

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Rev. Dr. Wanda M. Lundy, Co-Host
Dr. James Amemasor, Co-Host

Meeting ID - 814 0595 3491
Dial In - 929-205-6099

Sundays — 3 pm - Eastern



What's the 313? The Ancestors Speak

Video Blog
Rev. Dr. Wanda M. Lundy, Host

Sunday, September 13, 2020
3 pm

Topic
A Conversation about the African peoples buried
in the Siloam-Hope First Cemetery

Guest

Linda Caldwell-Epps 1804 Consultants and Sankofa Collaborative	Sean Briody Historian
Dario Scholis Artist/Dario Art	Katherine Craig Caretaker, Boxwood Hall State Historic Site
Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis Preservation of African American Cemeteries, Inc.	Carla Hines Coleman Preservation of African American Cemeteries, Inc.
Cherekana Feliciano Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society	Janice Gilyard Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society
Giacomo Sacca Chief of Police, City of Elizabeth	Earl J. Graves Director of Police, City of Elizabeth
Leonard Grayson NAACP, Elizabeth Chapter	

<https://bit.ly/SHFPC313>
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Brick Paver Fundraiser

**Support the 313+
Ancestors Speak Project**

**PURCHASE A BRICK
\$100**

Three lines of information
up to 18 characters.



**The bricks will be placed
around the monument in
the cemetery.**

GoFundMe

Donate \$313 – \$1 for each ancestor

or

Any amount is appreciated



OCTOBER CELEBRATION where New Jersey Began

Other dates soon to come

October 15-16, 2022 – 11 am – 2 pm
“Four Centuries in a Weekend”

October 30, 2022 – 1:00 pm
Ancestors Memorial Celebration

In the Cemetery – Official Unveiling of the 313+ Memorial
African Drumming, Pouring of Libation and
Calling the names of our ancestors

New Jersey 2020 CHAMPION TREE

Norwood Maple

(*Acer platanoides*)

Approximate Age

130 years old

Planted approximately 1891



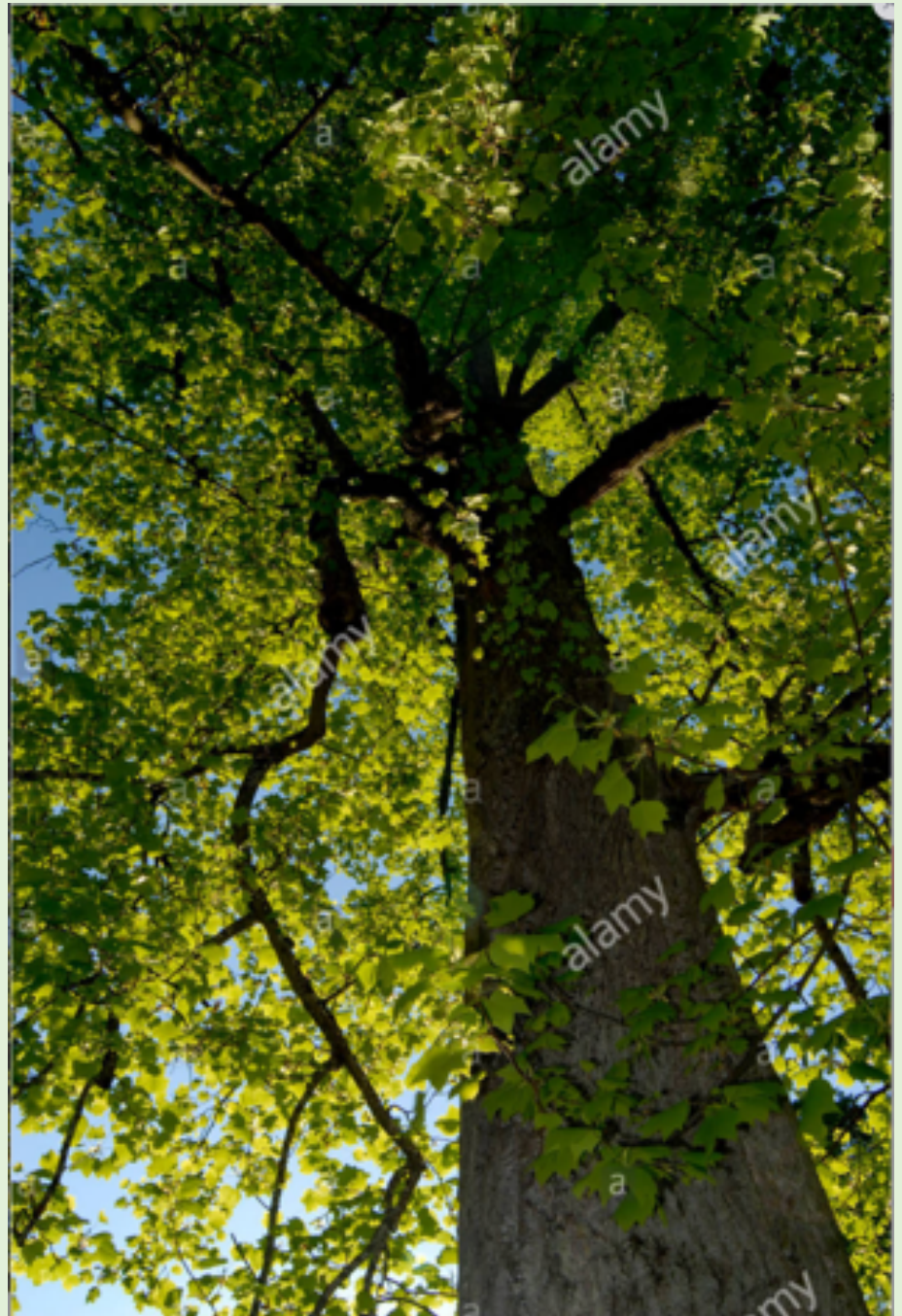
New Jersey 2020 HERITAGE TREE

Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

Approximate Age

134 years old

Planted approximately 1887



New Jersey 2020 HERITAGE TREE

European Beech (*Fagus Sylvatica*)

Approximate Age

223 years old

Planted approximately 1798



New Jersey 2020 HERITAGE TREE

Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Approximate Age

241 years old

Planted approximately 1780





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In Memory of Rafael Rodriguez
October 11, 1945 – February 21, 2020

Honoring Our Ancestors

Elizabeth

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Siloam Hope First Presbyterian Church Ancestor Memorial Fund