

# BACK TO AFRICA THROUGH FAMILY STORIES

Jocelyn  
Francis-White





UNTIL THE LION TELLS HIS SIDE OF  
THE STORY, THE TALE OF THE HUNT  
WILL ALWAYS GLORIFY THE HUNTER.

*Luvvie Ajayi*

# Our Family's Griot



# Her Parent's Stories - The Nelson Story and The VanDevere Story



# The Nelson Story

**St. Monica's  
Episcopal  
Church**

**Spring  
Street**

**Trenton, NJ**





**THE  
NELSON  
FAMILY**



**W. E. B. Nelson**

**Married**

**Louisa Wales**



**Louisa's mother  
died in childbirth**

**Louisa's  
grandmother had  
been enslaved  
from Madagascar**



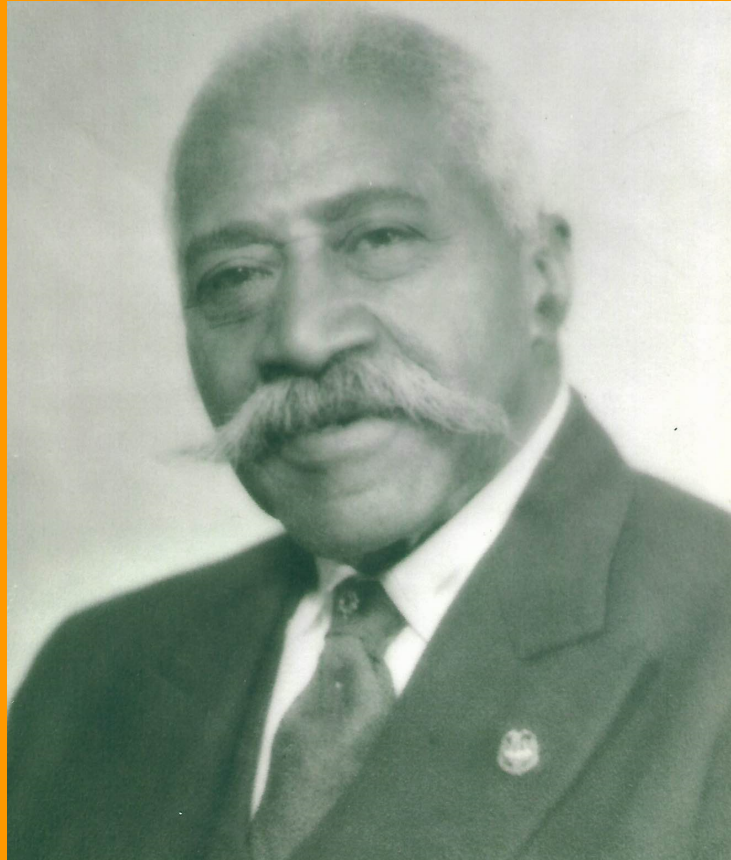
# The VanDevere Story



**Ethel**

**Vandevere**

**Nelson**



# Henry Philip VanDevere



Philip  
Henry  
VanDevere



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# 313 Ancestors Speak

## Siloam Hope Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth NJ



