



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

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Notice of Workshop

A Meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tyrrell Historical Library, 695 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701

The purpose of the workshop is to attend training conducted by the Texas Historical Commission concerning best practices for cemetery preservation.

Join the Jefferson County Historical Commission in downtown Beaumont for an African American History Harvest, where the public is invited to bring their family photos, letters, and other precious items of family history. Staff at the Tyrrell Historical Library will be onsite helping scan items and providing families with free digital copies for their archives.

Example items for African American History Harvest:

- Early family photographs
- Funeral programs or newspaper obituaries
- Church anniversary booklets/programs
- History of all-black schools - yearbooks or photos
- History of freedom colonies - old maps, deeds

The Texas Historical Commission's Cemetery Preservation Program will be onsite conducting training on best practices for cemetery preservation and hosting an interactive cemetery mapping station for Jefferson County and surrounding communities. Help us map the location of missing historic African American cemeteries in the Texas Historic Sites Atlas! We'll end the afternoon with a special tour of Pear Orchard Cemetery, corner of Hegele and Inca Streets, Beaumont, Texas, an historic African American cemetery that was recently designated as an Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC).