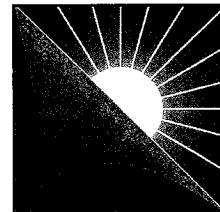


# Comprehensive Genealogical Services



*Unveiling the Past to Connect to the Future*

Dear Friends and Family:

In October, 2013, a wonderful reception honoring Dr. Vernon Herron, Founder and CEO Emeritus of Comprehensive Genealogical Services (CGS), was held at the Beatties Ford Road Library. Dr. Herron founded CGS in 1998, and since its inception, the organization has made an indelible impact on the community in three areas as described below and on the enclosed rack card:

- Locating and preserving enslaved cemeteries in Mecklenburg County
- Helping individuals develop skills in researching and writing their family history
- Offering training in planning and executing a successful family reunion.

As you well know, much of the African American heritage was destroyed through the institution of slavery. CGS is committed to assisting these families in recovering their lost heritage, but encourage the participation of other racial/ethnic groups in all of our activities as well.

Though we ask for a small fee to cover materials in our genealogy and family reunion workshops, this in no way covers the full costs of workshop preparation and delivery. **We need your help** to continue bringing these valuable services to the community.

Please consider making a contribution to CGS in the suggested amount of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or any other amount you desire to contribute. We promise to be good stewards of your contribution, and your contribution is tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Comprehensive Genealogical Services and mail to:

Comprehensive Genealogical Services  
P. O. Box 26242  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28221

Or contribute on-line through our website at [www.cgsweb.org](http://www.cgsweb.org)

Thank you in advance for your continued support of CGS and its work.

Sincerely yours,

Iris Chandler, Director

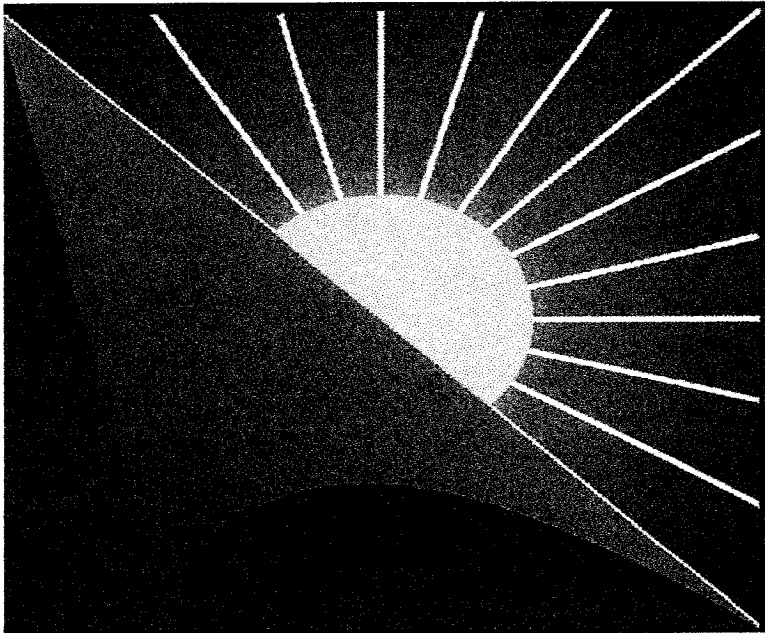
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Konrad Broussard, Board Chair

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## **“Unveiling the Past...”**

### **Programs**

#### **Research of cemeteries of the enslaved in Mecklenburg County**

- Partner with County, Churches and Landowners for the preservation and recognition of forgotten enslaved burial grounds
- Collaborate with local bio-anthropologist to learn and use the latest technology including advanced GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) to locate and document enslaved burial grounds

#### **Workshops in African-American Genealogy**

- Provide continuous Genealogical education for the public
- Develop, plan and conduct genealogical workshops for beginners, and advanced students using computer and commercial software

#### **Annual Family Reunion Planning Conference**

- Provide step by step planning guide for organizing family reunions by local experts
- Partner with local hotels and venues to provide latest information on hosting reunions in Charlotte

#### **Consultation on African-American Genealogy Research Techniques**

- Provide free consultation to individuals, families and other not for profit organizations engaged in African-American Genealogy
- Conduct consultation sessions at local Libraries, churches, reunions, etc.

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