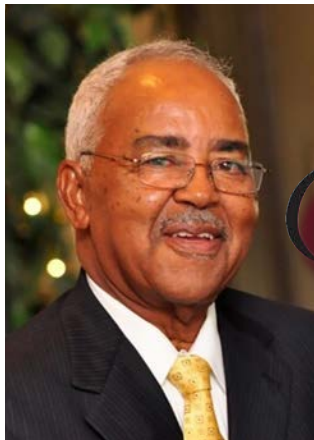


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"... If you love someone, you don't get to choose how they love you back." - N. K. Jemisin



### AAMU Will Host Screening of NASA Documentary Next Week

The Color of Space, an inspirational documentary by NASA that tells the stories of Black Americans determined to reach the stars, is coming to Alabama A&M.

A screening of the documentary with NASA and Club for the Future will take place at the Event Center on Friday, Sept. 8, from 2-4 p.m.

Anchoring the 50-minute documentary is a powerful and thought-provoking conversation between seven current and former Black astronauts, each of whom were selected to become part of NASA's astronaut corps and train for missions to space.

Club for the Future and Alabama A&M University are hosting this event in coordination with NASA to inspire future generations to pursue their dreams in science, technology, engineering, and exploration.

The event will include pre-screening activities at 2 p.m. followed by the documentary screening at 3 p.m. Attendees can meet astronauts, climb into a Blue Origin space capsule, create postcards to fly to space and back, talk with NASA representatives about internships and careers, and more.

Claim a FREE ticket to see Color of Space at <https://bit.ly/colorofspace>.

### Shooting Incident Spurs AAMU Response

An altercation between two men in the cafeteria of the Ernest L. Knight Complex on the campus of Alabama A&M University on Tuesday, August 22, escalated when both took the matter outside, where both secured firearms.

On Wednesday, AAMU President Daniel K. Wims posted the following statement on the University's website:

*Dear Alabama A&M University community,*

*The safety and well-being of our students and campus community will always be our top priority. We deeply regret the distress caused by the unfortunate incident on our campus yesterday and want to assure you that we are taking every measure to maintain the ongoing safety and security of our campus.*

*I want to thank our campus police and University staff who worked quickly to move students to safety and provide updates in real time. I'm also proud of our students who displayed an incredible amount of patience and vigilance during an evolving emergency situation.*

*Last evening, Campus Police Chief Montez Payton provided the University's official com-*

*ments on the timeline of the events. All further inquiries will be directed to the Huntsville Police Department (HPD), which is leading the investigation.*

*In relation to the incident, HPD has indicated that the shooting was an isolated occurrence stemming from a confrontation between two individuals who both sustained minor injuries and received medical attention. The HPD Violent Crimes Unit Investigators have determined that this was not an active shooter incident and that no evidence suggests the involvement of any other parties.*

*As with all campus emergencies, Bulldog Alerts were prioritized to keep us all aware as this incident developed. I encourage all who live, learn, and work on The Hill to make sure you are registered to receive these critical updates as one of our campus' first lines of defense in keeping all Bulldogs safe.*

*I understand the concerns this incident has raised. Please know that we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our campus community. We will continue to cooperate with law enforcement agencies and take necessary actions to prevent such incidents in the future.*

*Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.*



### New Life SDA Site of Clean Comedy Series

No More Dirty (NMD) will present its "Unhinged" Clean Comedy Series on Sunday, September 17, at the New Life SDA Church, located at 3912 Pulaski Pike NW in Huntsville, Ala., at 5 p.m.

Among the slate of

'national clean comedians' will be Tanya Lewis, Corwin O "C-Dawg" and St. Vick.

Tickets may be purchased online via [www.nomoredirty.org](http://www.nomoredirty.org) for \$25 advance and \$35 at the door.

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# Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here is what's happening in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, this week:

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in recess until September 5 (Senate) and September 12 (House).

Last week, the hard-right House Freedom Caucus issued

a statement saying that their Members would oppose any continuing resolution to keep the federal government open on October 1 (when current appropriations lapse) if it does not address 3 issues: (1) the Mexico-U.S. border; (2) the weaponization of the FBI and Justice Department against "law-abiding citizens;" and



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(3) "woke" policies at the Pentagon.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. On Monday, the President and First Lady visited a D.C. public school to mark the start of the school year. The President spoke at an event in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. On Tuesday, the President hosted a meeting at the White House with Costa Rican President Rodrigo Chaves.

On Wednesday morning, First Lady Jill Biden started a 3-state midwestern trip in Indianapolis, where she visited a high school with U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, followed by a visit to Chicago Wednesday afternoon, where she delivered remarks at a Labor Day Reception with the Chicago Federation of Labor. On Thursday, she will be in Madison, WI to speak at an event with the National Education Association and

the American Federation of Teachers.

3. FEDERAL RESERVE. At a Friday speech in Jackson Hole, WY, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said that the Fed, although it would "proceed carefully," may raise interest rates again in upcoming meetings, because "it's the Fed's job to bring down inflation to our 2% goal, and we will do so." The annual inflation rate in July ticked up slightly to 3.2%, and since March 2022, the Fed has pushed up the federal funds rate from near zero to a range of 5.25 to 5.5%. The next Federal Open Market Committee meeting is September 19-20.

4. MARCH ON WASHINGTON. Sixty years ago, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a speech to a crowd of more than 250,000 Americans, saying, "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down

in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of the nation." The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, a response to Jim Crow segregation, poll taxes, red-lined neighborhoods, and the flagrant, often violent disenfranchisement of African American voters in the Deep South and beyond, did more than draw a record number of protesters to the National Mall. It propelled the Civil Rights Movement toward greater public acceptance and landmark political victories. HCG was honored to attend and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on last Saturday.

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Memorial service for MR. TOMMY ROPER (b. 1962) was held Saturday, August 26, at the Fellowship of Faith Church with Pastor Troy L. Garner officiating.

Funeral service for MS. MINNIE F. HAYNIE (b. 1945) was held Friday, August 25, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

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Memorial service for MS. PARIS SYMONE EPPS (b. 1991) was held Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for MR. STANLEY RASHAD BRADLEY (b. 1977) was held Sunday, August 27, at the Mount Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3726 Pryor Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor James Robinson officiating.

Funeral service for DR. ANDRE EBBNEZZRA MILLER (b. 1961) was held Saturday, August 26, at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (28520 SW Wall Street, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Roderick Stallworth officiating.

Funeral service for MS. LOISE LEE WARD (b. 1944) was held Saturday, August 26, at the Syler Tabernacle (904 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Phil Ford officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. JABORIS CLAY (b. 1980) will be held Sunday, September 3, at Saint Andrew Primitive Baptist Church, Madison, Ala., at 2 p.m.

Funeral service for MRS. NANCY LAWSON (b. 1940) was held Tuesday, August 29, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE RICE (b. 1963) was held Sunday, August 27, at Eagles Nest Ministries, 6831 Hollow Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral arrangements for MS. HELEN SEALS (b. 1946) are currently incomplete.

# Spiritual Game Plan

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So what does it mean to be rooted? Looking at our scripture, it means a tree with deep roots will not be blown over in a storm. The wind may blow some leaves off the branches.

However, if the tree has deep roots, it has a chance to withstand any storm and not be moved. The same can be said

of us and our spiritual growth.

Because when we are rooted in the truth of God's word, nothing can blow us over and nothing will get us off the path that God has us on.

You see, the thing that distinguishes believers from non-believers is our inner peace. It's our resolve to handle things, which means we will find solutions to problems when they come up.

We will settle disputes when they arise, and we will pursue peace. We need to realize and understand that the devil doesn't want our stuff;

he wants our peace. So always remember that peace is power and the more that you protect your peace, the harder it will be for anything to move you. Not hardships,

not tragedies, not calamities. No weapon formed against us shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17)

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. Make sure you purchase a copy

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## Huntsville Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.



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## Tickets on Sale Sept. 1 for 'Gospel Symphony' in B'ham

Tickets will go on sale Friday, September 1, for "A Gospel Symphony Celebration" (Featuring gospel legend Donald Lawrence). The live concert will be recorded for PBS national

broadcast Sunday, November 12, at the Alys Stephens Center in Birmingham, Ala., at 7 p.m.

Special Guests will include Vox Fortura, Alabama Symphony Or-

chestra, Conductor and Alabama A&M University alumnus Dr. Henry Panion III, the Miles College Choir and the UAB Gospel Choir.

The Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts

Center is located at 1200 10th Avenue South, Birmingham, Ala.

For tickets, call (205) 975-ARTS or visit <https://www.alysstephens.org/events/gospel-celebration/>

## Daughter of Zion Will Hold Inaugural Women's Conference Next Week

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.



The Daughter of Zion ministry will hold its inaugural "Women of Worship" Conference on Saturday, September 9, at the Westin Hotel in Huntsville, Ala., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free session will include prayer, praise and worship, and the conference theme is "Travail."

For additional information, contact Min. Toni Savage (shown on right), president/founder, at [info@dzministries.com](mailto:info@dzministries.com).

[dzministries.com](http://dzministries.com).

To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wow-2023-women-of-worship-conference-tickets-644439334397>

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**August 30**

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**September 3**

Jazz in the Park  
 Big Spring Park East

5 p.m. – Erisa Nicole  
 6 p.m. – Tr3ple Threat  
 7:30 p.m. – Jessy J

**September 7**

Steve Brown  
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 Stand Up Live Huntsville  
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 7 p.m.

**September 8-9**

10th Annual Women in  
 Jazz Festival  
 Bob Harrison Senior Well-  
 ness & Advocacy Center  
 6156 Pulaski Pike  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 6 p.m. (Kickoff)

**September 9**

Daughter of Zion Inaugu-  
 ral Women's Conference  
 Westin Hotel  
 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 info@dzministries.com

Bulldog Football vs. Lane  
 College  
 Louis Crews Stadium  
 Alabama A&M University  
 6 p.m.

**September 10**

Jazz in the Park  
 Big Spring Park East  
 5 p.m. – Noelette Leader-  
 Hutton  
 6 p.m. – Chandra Currelley  
 7:30 p.m. – Brian Simpson

**September 15**

NEACA Fall Craft Show  
 Von Braun Center  
 9 a.m.

**September 16-17**

Monte Sano Arts Festival  
 5105 Nolen Avenue SE  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 artshuntsville.org

**September 17**

"CulturA Festiva"


Hispanic Culture Month  
 Celebration  
 The Orion Amphitheatre  
 12-6 p.m.

Jazz in the Park

Big Spring Park East  
 5 p.m. – Calhoun Commu-  
 nity College Show Band  
 6 p.m. – BK Jackson  
 7:30 p.m. – Alex Bugnon

**September 20**

Interfaith Mission Service  
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*The hardest challenge is to be yourself in a world where  
 everyone is trying to make you be somebody else.*

- e. e. cummings

“Brand New ...”

# Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

Rip me out of the plastic. I've been actin' brand new.

So in the song “Put It On Da Floor” by Latto, a

line states, “Rip me out the plastic. I've been actin' brand new.” Although quite catchy lyrically, what does that mean for you?

He goes on to express how this applies to him. Money, material items, drinking, etc. ...

Everything that aligns with what this superficial status-drawn world claims is a success. However, what does that mean for you?

When I think of the

phrase, I consider what I am doing to change my circumstance. What am I doing to better my situation? What changes am

in order for me to get to my mark? What are the things I need to change? Rip me out the plastic, I have renewed faith, discovered and newly stated boundaries, and higher expectations of myself and others.

I am actin' brand new! I am renewing my commitment to myself. My goals are set and I am focused. I have my eyes on God and I'm focused on my purpose. I have renewed faith and a promise of God. You can too!

Have an amazing

day!  
God loves you and so do I.

He has given you a gift; open it.

I making to ensure I am carrying out my purpose and plan? What am I doing to ensure my life lines up with God's plan? What are the things I am doing



## NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

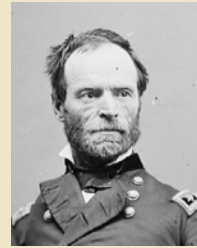
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Sunday, September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

## ON THIS DAY



William Tecumseh Sherman was a soldier, businessman, educator and author. During the Civil War, Sherman's men captured Atlanta on this day, September 1, in 1864 and continued to defend it against Confederate forces through mid-November.

- history.com

“We learn  
the rope of  
life by  
untying  
its knots.”

- Jean Toomer



## Remembering Thornton Stanley, Sr. (3/9/37-8/26/23)

Thanks, Mr. Stanley, for both your Wisdom ... and my Wage!

“And you will be brought also before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the nations ...” - Matthew 10:18 KJV

**NEWS FLASHBACK:** The Valley Weekly scooped all local media announcing Stanley Construction Co. founder Thornton Stanley, Sr. will be a 2019 Construction Hall of Fame inductee on January 10th in Birmingham.



While the VW announcement chronicled rightfully Mr. Stanley's numerous accomplishments generally, this “Stanley protege” is honored to pen this first-person tribute, specifically from an early-stage entrepreneur/starving-artist perspective.

As a freelance writer, my first assignment for the local Chamber of Commerce newsletter featured Stanley's 2001 US Small Business Administration Person of the Year award. “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver” Proverbs 25:11.

In 2004, this 49-year-old broke and broken rookie entrepreneur with a newborn baby daughter approached fellow Leadership Huntsville alum and friend Miss Karen Stanley for employment. In 1966, my first-ever job came as a summertime common laborer in my uncle's Washington DC construction company, at age 12.

When she presented my academics-heavy resume to her dad, he turned to me during the subsequent interview, and offered politely, “Young man: my men don't have this kind of resume, . . . they're just steak-and-potatoes guys.” I stifled sharing that this vegetarian was only halfway qualified! Instead, I reached back 38 years and replied with industry jargon: “Sir: I have done curb-and-gutter work before, . . .” Immediately, he looked up like a lottery prize winner “Son, I'll see you Monday morning, 6:45, with your steel-toed boots!”

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” Matt. 7:20.

Those three weeks of back-breaking labor in the unforgiving Alabama summer sun filled me with callouses, 23rd-hour cash - and sage counsel. On one particular project, I watched him operate with precision one of the largest pieces of earth-moving equipment. When queried, this veteran entrepreneur counseled this newbie, “Tim, I can't ask my men to do something that I cannot do myself.”

Mr. Thornton “AAMU Bulldog” Stanley, Sr.: From your 1961 humble start in your spare bedroom with two workers, to now an estimated \$38 million aggregate economic impact in workers' wages these 58 years, both God and the Construction Hall of Fame are quoting Matthew 25:21: “Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!” Matt. 25:21, NIV.

Again, Mr. Stanley: *Congratulations and (a double) Thanks.*

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# Huntsville Happenings

# Scenes from Celebrating Education Day Parade

Hosted by Huntsville City Schools

August 19, 2023 - Blue Spring Road - (Photos by Anthony Gibson)



by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.



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# Valley Mourns Death of Longtime Community Icon Thornton Stanley, Sr.

The Tennessee Valley community is mourning the loss of the iconic president and founder of Stanley Construction Company, Thornton Stanley, Sr., who passed on August 26 at 86 years old.

Funeral services (Royal) were scheduled for Friday, September 1, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church at 12 noon with Pastor Dion Watkins officiating. The family time was set for Thursday, August 31, at the church from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Stanley was a recipient of the 2001 Small Business Administration's Businessperson of the Year award, which he received at the White House from then-president George W. Bush. Other recognitions include his 2019 induction into the Alabama AGC's Construction Hall of Fame, the Alabama A&M Alumni Hall of Fame and the NAFEO Hall of Fame for graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Stanley was the seventh of 10 children born to the union of Rev. O.C. Stanley and Elsie King Stanley in the Bethel community of Colbert County, Alabama. He worked with his family on farms in Colbert County, learning to plant and harvest, raise animals and operate farm equipment. He excelled in school, even skipping two grades at Leighton Training School and graduating at the top of his class.

He entered Alabama A&M College (University) in the fall of 1953. To fund his education, he milked cows in the campus dairy, did yard work for professors, and returned home

during certain semesters to help bring in the crops. While at AAMU, Thornton pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and became an active lifetime member. At the age of 20, Stanley graduated magna cum laude from A&M in 1957 with a degree in agriculture.

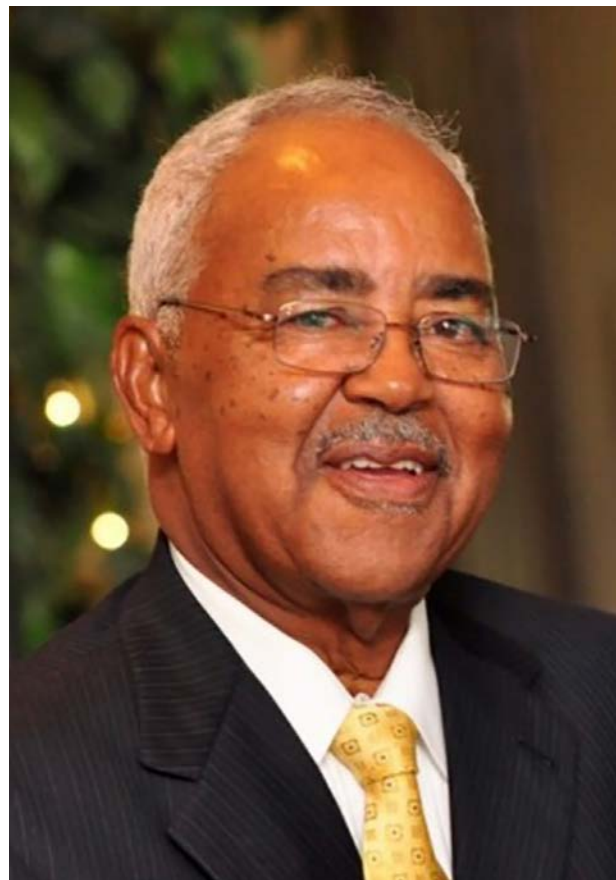
In 1961, Stanley married (Dr.) Mary Elizabeth Bates, a childhood and college schoolmate. They were married for 61 years until her death. To their union were born four children — Karen, Deirdre, Thornton, Jr., and Algernon.

Also in 1961, he founded Stanley's Landscaping & Construction Company, now known as Stanley Construction Company, Inc. Throughout his lifetime, Stanley took great pride in pointing out projects the company had worked on during the growth and transformation of Huntsville over the last 60 years. His pride is best summarized in the company's current tagline, "Paving the way in North Alabama since 1961." Stanley Construction was and continues to be easily identified throughout North Alabama by its red trucks and diamond-encased "Stanley" logo.

Stanley built his company in order to contribute to the development and growth of others. He saw the company as an avenue to invest in people, teaching them skills and providing them with a means to support their families. His legacy includes numerous men and women in whom he invested, worked with and extended patience and kindness.

Those who knew him best, however, also knew that his true passion was Diamond S Farms, or simply "The Farm," as it is known to many. Stanley and his wife purchased the farm when their family was young, and it became a home base to spend time together — sometimes for leisure and always through work. From the start, Stanley envisioned The Farm as a working farm, and over the years he raised pigs and cattle, corn and briefly, cotton. It also was a place for Thornton to pursue his interests in horticulture, landscaping and architecture. He built a beautiful lake at the foot of a spring that flowed from the hills and landscaped a picnic and playground area. Across the lake, he built one of the first underground houses in Alabama, nestled into a grassy hill. One of Stanley's greatest joys was to share the Farm with others during picnics and other visits.

Stanley was an active member of his community until his health prevented him from doing so. At Progressive Union M.B. Church, he chaired the deacon board for over 30 years, managing three (3) building campaigns, taught an adult Sunday School Class and, in earlier years, sang in the choir. He served on numerous community and business boards, including the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Government (TARCOG), Westminster Christian Academy School Board, the U.S. Army Redstone Arsenal Commanding General's Community Advisory Board, the Madi-



son County Cattleman's Association, the Morgan County Water Conservation Board and the ALFA Insurance Park Commission. In the 1970's he was an officer of and developed many friendships through the Black Business Improvement Association.

Interested persons may honor the memory of Thornton Stanley, Sr., through the Thornton and Mary Stanley Endowed Scholarship Fund at Alabama A&M University, a fund initially endowed in 2021 by their children in remembrance of their mother. The scholarship has been renamed to honor the legacy of both parents. For more information, visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/aa/>



As many adults may know, credit is an agreement one has with a lender to obtain goods or services that will be paid for at a later date under agreed upon terms. Several individuals who use credit, or may want to use it in the future, do not know their credit scores. A credit score is a three-digit number that determines one's credit worthiness.

Lenders use credit scores to determine whether to approve applications for rent/mortgages, automobiles, credit cards, and other goods and services, as well as to decide what interest rate to charge. Some em-

ployers review credit histories to decide whether or not to offer jobs.

Credit scores include credit history, such as the number of credit cards one has, total level of debt, types of loans, length of credit history, debt utilization, repayment history, whether one has applied for new accounts and other factors.

Lenders also use credit scores to consider the likelihood that one will or will not repay a loan in a timely manner.

Three major bureaus monitor and update credit scores in the U.S.: 1. Equifax; 2. Experian; and 3. TransUnion. Each may calculate the Fair Issac Corporation (FICA) credit score differently.



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

Credit scores span from 300 – 850.  
850 ..... EXCEPTIONAL.  
799-740 ..... VERY GOOD  
739-670 ..... GOOD  
669-580 ..... FAIR  
579 or Below ..... POOR

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# Huntsville's 19th Century Black History Telling Our Stories

## "Richmond Terrell" A Circle of Remembrance

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**Richmond Terrell** was born circa 1800. He was married to Frances Terrell. Their children, James and Richmond, were listed in the 1860 U. S. Census. Lucy, Richmond's mother, was also living with him.

After the legislature that met in Huntsville in 1819, some of the enslavers freed their enslaved people.

Lemuel Mead was among them. According to an article in *Historic Huntsville: A City of New Beginnings* by Elise Hopkins Stephens, Lemuel

Mead, one of Madison County's delegates to the state constitutional convention, was granted the right to free Richmond Richardson, an enslaved person in 1820.

Mead was clerk in the county courthouse, while Richmond, who changed his last name to Terrell, ran a barbershop in the courthouse basement.

Richmond Terrell later owned a barbershop and bath house. The barbershop was located in the basement story of the Madison House. The bath house was below

water works near the Big Spring. The following article appeared in *The Democrat* on July 4, 1840, one hundred sixty-three years ago.

### BATH HOUSE

*The subscriber has, at considerable expense, erected a BATH HOUSE at the rear of his well known Barber's Shop, opposite the Bell Tavern, in Huntsville, and is now prepared to accommodate all who may call on him, with Salt, Cold, Tepid and Hot BATHS.*

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For a Salt Bath .30

For a Warm or Tepid Bath, .50

For a Cold Bath, .25

For a Season Ticket, \$10.00, or

For Cash in Advance, \$8.00

*A Ticket for three baths, either warm or tepid, may be had for \$1.00 in cash.*

*From the first day of April to the last day of September, will constitute the season.*

The Terrell family was also known for providing music throughout the community. The Terrell Band was famous for playing a wide genre of music.

John Terrell's province was to coax accompaniments from the guitar, while others labored with violin, banjo and accordi-

on. - *Huntsville Independent*, October 12, 1882.

A serenade of songs composed by Misses Addie and Leila Terrell and Mrs. Mary Ingles were the highlight of a musical given at the home of Mrs. F. R. Bynum.

The musical was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Strong and Mrs. Ender-son of Nashville, Tennessee. Music was provided by the Terrell Band. - *Huntsville Gazette*, September 10, 1885.

A Mother Goose German party was given at the beautiful home of Miss Mary L. Clay. Approximately twenty couples attended in costumes.

Supper was served. The Terrell Band made the music for the dances. -

*Huntsville Weekly Democrat*, January 10, 1894.

Robert Terrell, a guitarist for the Terrell Band, died at his home on Oak Avenue in 1894. John Terrell died October 12, 1882, in the Powhatan McGill Barbershop on Church Street. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

As we continue to share our stories, The Circle of Remembrance would like to hear your stories. Are you a descendant of Richmond Terrell? Did your ancestors own a business during the 19th century?

Please send your stories to William Hampton at [william@huntsvillerevisited.com](mailto:william@huntsvillerevisited.com)

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**September 2**  
@Vanderbilt University  
FirstBank Stadium  
Nashville, Tenn. - 6 p.m.

**September 9 (Crews Classic)**  
Lane College  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

**September 16**  
@Southern University  
A.W. Mumford Stadium  
Baton Rouge, La. - 6 p.m.

**September 21 (Thursday)**  
UAPB  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Huntsville, Ala. - 6:30 p.m.

**September 30 (Homecoming)**  
Tuskegee University  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Huntsville, Ala. - 2 p.m.

**October 7 (Gulf Coast Challenge)**  
Jackson State University  
Ladd-Peebles Stadium  
Mobile, Ala. - 4 p.m.

**October 14**  
@Grambling State  
Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium  
Grambling, La. - 3 p.m.

**October 28 (Magic City Classic)**  
Alabama State  
Legion Field

Birmingham, Ala. - 2:30 p.m.

**November 4**  
Florida A&M  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Huntsville, Ala. - 1 p.m.

**November 11**  
@Bethune-Cookman  
Daytona Stadium  
Daytona Beach, Fla. - 12 p.m.

**November 16 (Thursday)**  
Mississippi Valley State  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

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