



DCPL Awarded African American Civil Rights Grant



Mary Church Terrell, three-quarter length portrait, seated, facing front., None. [Between 1880 and 1900, printed later] Photograph. Library of Congress.

DCPL is pleased to announce it was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Park Service to underwrite the research and documentation necessary to produce an historic context study that identifies important themes and sites related to Black women's suffrage and the fight for equal rights in the District of Columbia. Black Women Suffrage in Washington, DC: A Context Study will help piece together the stories of Black women suffragists in the District who are currently underrepresented on both the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and National Register of Historic Places. It will also serve as the basis for future evaluation of properties nominated for inclusion in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. At the conclusion of the project, one new National Register nomination will be written and submitted, and one existing landmark nomination will be amended to include relevant information related to Black women's suffrage. DCPL expects the project timeline will be September 2022 -September 2025.

This project is supported through an <u>African American Civil Rights</u> grant, provided by the Historic Preservation Fund, as administered by the National Park Service (NPS), Department of Interior. The African American Civil Rights grants fund a variety of projects from rehabilitation to oral history documentation, in coordination with state, Tribal, local government, and nonprofit partners. DCPL's grant was one of 44 awarded for FY2021.

## Landmarks Update



On July 28, 2022, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) officially designated the former headquarters of the <u>National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored</u> <u>Women and Children – also known as the Merriweather Home for Children</u> – as a historic landmark. The Second Empire-style building (ca. 1879) is located at 733 Euclid Street NW in the Pleasant Plains neighborhood. It is the only extant building associated with this important African American institution and its remarkable social history.

DCPL is thankful to the many passionate community members who supported this nomination — **the nomination received over 40 letters of support** Because of this grassroots activism, the one-time raze application has been halted and the building has been historically designated. It will now be incorporated into future redevelopment at the site.

On the same day, HPRB also designated the<u>Schlitz Brewing Company Washington</u> Branch/National Geographic Society Warehouse as a historic landmark. Located at 326 R Street NE in the Eckington neighborhood, the warehouse complex retains both historical and architectural significance, and is a link to DC's industrial and railroad history. The complex includes the Schlitz Brewing Company building (1908) facing Randolph Place and the National Geographic Society warehouse (1924) at 37d and R streets – as well as three additions, with the last constructed in 1937.

For more information about DC's newest landmarks, please see the following links.

Merriweather Home for	Schlitz/National
Children	Geographic Warehouse

## Upcoming Webinar

San Antonio Conservation in the 21st Century Wednesday, August 24th | 12:00pm - 1:00pm EDT



Mission San José. Courtesy of The Conservation Society of San Antonio

Join the DC Preservation League and <u>The Conservation Society of San Antonio</u>on Wednesday, August 24th at 12:00pm EDT (11:00am CDT)for a webinar about San Antonio conservation in the 21st century! This presentation will be led by the Conservation Society's Executive Director, Vincent L. Michael, PhD.

Founded in 1924, The Conservation Society of San Antonio is one of the first community preservation groups in the United States. Beginning with efforts to preserve such unique sites as the city's Spanish Colonial missions, they are responsible for saving many of the historic attractions that make San Antonio the top tourist destination in Texas!

This virtual program is free and open to the public. It will also be streamed live to <u>DCPL's Facebook page</u>.

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