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**Good Morning Tim & Friends:**

**RE: National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program Designation**

Here is another project Mr. Tim J. Nabholz, Regional Community Development Coordinator, FCCF-Clemson Rural Entrepreneurship Alliance & I am working to finally submit an application in the next month. I am in South Carolina still researching the UGRR and have brought our historic collections here to preserve, archive, document and digitize them. Please call & come visit me!

I will be working with SC/Georgia Colleges/Universities to select students in the following languages to translate my website pages with historic train depot information into the following languages (I am considering Hebrew, Italian & other languages also):

**English** German Spanish French Arabic Chinese Russian Spanish Japanese Igbo Ghanaian Portuguese Dutch

**I want to get nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Not just UGRR, here are some of the highlights of my collection:**

Strothers - [wmstrother.org](http://wmstrother.org) my first European ancestor, William Strother arriving in 1658 in VA.

8 American Revolutionary War Family members and I have submitted application for Daughters of American Revolution accepted by the Long Cane Chapter here in McCormick, SC.

1,076 Civil war records on my 160 Confederate & 58 Union family members service. That includes my great grandfather, David R. Strother born in 1814 in Edgefield District, SC, my indigenous (Native American) great grandmother, born 1837 in NC. My grandfather was born in the 1850's in Edgefield SC and served in the Confederate service.

1,000 African/Plantation textiles, 8 from the 1800's. My ancestors are in Dover Hall Plantation Wills in 1844 & 1858.

40,000 African/African American/Plantation/Military artifacts.

Our collections new home is in the historic 1989 McCormick Train Depot (Since 1985 it has been on the National Register of Historic Places).

My Native America, European, African & African American families were all in GA/Edgefield District and free in 1858, prior to the American Civil War. My Native-American family & European ancestry participated in shaping history. Former slaves Peter & Eliza Farrow worked on the UGRR as abolitionist.

Our Gullah heritage and conservation is the subject of the book, "Jamel's Deep Sea Adventure". My ancestors were abolitionist and worked on the UGRR, sewing African symbols and a language into quilts used as maps and messages. I own the copyrights for the Quilt Code. My late great aunt, Ozella McDaniel-Williams copyrighted them in 1950 and my late mother & I re-copyrighted it in 1990's.

I have worked with the National Park Service sites presenting UGRR programs & exhibitions at more than 10 National Park Service sites in the United States. Several in South Carolina. I have a very unique African American Appalachian Collection as well.

My late parents Dr. Howard & Mrs. Serena Wilson were presenters at both the United Nations National Conferences and my mother & I at National Park Services UGRR Conferences held at the Penn Center with Barbara Tagger years ago. We have done more than 4,000 presentations internationally.

For those of you unfamiliar with the National Park Service's program, I have enclosed a few highlights of the program and the benefits below.

**Here is a link to the UGRR Network to Freedom Program & Application Process.** I need to apply for the SC Wild's Heritage Center, my programs and for my book. This will do a lot for County & town of McCormick.

UGRR Network to Freedom Program & Application Process link

[https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/join\\_ntf/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/join_ntf/index.htm)

Please review.

Public Law 105-203 the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 directs the National Park Service (NPS), to establish a program that tells the story of resistance against the institution of slavery in the United States through escape and flight. This story is illustrative of a basic founding principle of this Nation, that all human beings embrace the right to self-determination and freedom from oppression. Through this National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, NPS is demonstrating the significance of the Underground Railroad not only in the eradication of slavery, but as a cornerstone of our national civil rights movement.

The Program is coordinating preservation and education efforts nationwide, and is working to integrate local historical sites, museums, and interpretive programs associated with the Underground Railroad into a mosaic of community, regional, and national stories. There are three main components to the Program:

- Educating the public about the historical significance of the Underground Railroad;
- Providing technical assistance to organizations that are identifying, documenting, preserving and interpreting sites, approximate travel routes and landscapes related to the Underground Railroad, or that are developing or operating interpretive or educational programs or facilities; and
- Develop a Network of sites, programs, and facilities with verifiable associations to the Underground Railroad, referred to as the "Network to Freedom" or the "Network".

One of the principal objectives of the program is to validate the efforts of local and regional organizations, and make it easier for them to share expertise and communicate with the NPS and each other.

### **What are the benefits of being listed in the Network to Freedom?**

**Specific advantages of inclusion in the Network include:**

National recognition of the verifiable association of historic sites, programs, and facilities with the Underground Railroad.

Inclusion in a Network database featured on the Program's web site, which will include standard information on every site, program, and facility that has been reviewed and accepted into the Network.

Eligibility for Network to Freedom grants, when funds are appropriated, and assistance in locating project funding. The Network to Freedom Program is working with partners to identify funding sources and raise funds to support interpretation and commemoration efforts.

The use and display of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom logo.

Inclusion in a nationwide system of comparable sites, programs, and facilities that fosters networking and coordinating educational, preservation and commemorative activities.



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**Thank you for your ideas and support. Call with any ideas or suggestions.**

Cordially,

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