

# **Fairfield County Genealogy Society**

#### Presents an African American History Month Program On History of Fairfield County's African Americans By Sonya Renae Hodges-Grantham

### Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 11:30 am Christ Central Church Community Center

Next to Fairfield County Museum (231 S. Congress St., Winnsboro, SC 29180)

## **Topics**

- **Isaac Woodard** was born in Winnsboro, SC and his court case. How did it change the U.S. Armed Forces? Story was told to Sonya in 2011, by Mr. Gene Sansbury. Gene was the former owner of the Biscuit House that was located at 1019 Bluff Road. Sonya will explain the Civil Rights and the role of the NAACP in the case of Isaac Woodard-briefly.
- History of Estee Louis "Bucking Sam" Trapp of Fairfield County
- History of some of the black soldiers of World War I and others from Fairfield County
- Some soul food and different types of cornbread and sandwiches. Sonya is called upon locally, nationally and globally to give presentations for her **cornbread and Soul Food**.

#### About Sonya Renae Hodges-Grantham:

Sonya is a mother, grandmother, and public servant, as well as lifelong resident of Columbia, South Carolina with a motto of "Get the Job Done and Get It Done Right" has devoted the majority of her adult life to public service. Whether it is helping her children and grandchildren, serving communities, baking for displaced and indigent persons, giving presentations, Sonya will answer the call to the best of her ability. Educated in the public and private schools of Richland County, South Carolina, Hodges earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public Affairs from Columbia College of South Carolina and continuing education credits from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland, with an emphasis on disaster preparedness, disaster recovery, and food safety. In a leadership capacity, she has served as the chair of volunteers with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Services out of Fort Jackson, South Carolina, which was a paid position via the State of Maryland. Hodges is the founder of the Cornbread Jubilee & Celebration of Breads, an annual event held in honor of the corn crop, agriculture, wheat, farming and World War I. She is also co-founder of the Veterans Formation in Columbia, South Carolina and sole restorer/curator of Childs Cemetery, Columbia in South Carolina. Hodges is the mother of ten children and has thirteen grandchildren. She is a member of the Following Organizations: South Carolina Genealogical Society (Columbia Chapter), Red Dress Campaign, South Carolina Agriculture Council, Friend of Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association, National Corn Growers Association, Friend of The Kansas Wheat Commission, Manhattan, Kansas. Hodges has authored the following books: Reclaiming Childs Cemetery, Reclaiming Childs Cemetery and Childs Farm: Deceased Voices, History, Heritage and Agriculture Coming to Life, Frogtown Community and Reflections of the Original Frogtown Community: Our Community Legacy Across the Miles... and The Cornbread Jubilee and Celebration of Breads, From Childs Farm, to Kansas, to World War I to 3,000 Pieces of Bread.

Brief bios: Historic marker helps uncover military history buried Columbia cemetery Black South Carolinian military service in WWI honored