



**Veronica Betts portraying Rebecca Woods - 6-26-2021**

First-person impersonator, Veronica Betts, will portray Rebecca Woods – showing how this child slave became a servant of the Ridgley Family of Springfield, IL.

No Presentations~~~~~ 7-3-2021

**Patricia James Davis portraying Nance Legins-Costley 7-10-2021**

This is my story, I am a women of color, born into slavery, yet I know in my heart and soul that I am just as free as any other person who is not of color. I patiently fought and long waited for this legal entitlement of a freed person over many years and finally with the strong will of Abraham Lincoln got it. Now all of my children are born free.

**Robert Davis - Conversation with a Civil Rights Soldier 7-17-2021**

Mr. Davis as Pvt. Andrew Lewis, a run-away slave that joined the Union Army and fought in the Civil War as a member of the IL 29<sup>th</sup> Inf. United States Colored Troops. He along with approximately 210,000 other colored soldiers and sailors fought under our American Flag for Union and freedom." {R.D.} Incidentally, Private Lewis is buried in the Historic Colored Section at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

**Robert Moore – Black Marshalls 7-24-2021**

Robert Moore will discuss the history of Black Marshalls, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Black Marshall, Bass Reeves. He will also discuss the trials and contributions of Black Marshalls.

**Beverly Peters – Springfield 1908 Race Riot 7-31-2021**

Beverly Peters will tell the true story of the Springfield, Illinois Race Riot when a white mob hastily and violently reacted to the lie that a White woman had been assaulted by a Black man.

**Jim Lewis - Civil Rights Laws 8-7-2021**

Jim Lewis, former civil rights worker and civil rights attorney in Mississippi (1966-1973) and former United States Attorney here (2010-2016), will speak on the history, meaning and impact of our country's civil rights laws--in healing our country's divisions based on race.

All presentations begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum. Please call the Museum at 217-391-6323 to make a reservation since space will be limited to 60% capacity.