

## CAAGRI Makes Its' Debut in American History

**FREDERICKSBURG, VA** - Thursday, February 2, 2006 - The Center for African American Genealogical Research, Inc. (CAAGRI) has announced that it will for the first time in history bring together the direct descendants of Harriet Tubman and Charles Nalle. Nalle is the only publicly known fugitive slave to have been freed from slavery during a dramatic confrontation in Troy, New York over 145 years ago.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 6:30 pm** in the **Headquarters Library Theater in downtown Fredericksburg.**

"We are obviously pleased with this unprecedented, historic meeting of the two families. It just goes to show the kind of history that can be made if you've done your genealogy homework," said Paula D. Royster, the organizations founder and CEO.

A tribute to the life and legacy will be made to Oliver W. Hill, Sr. one of eight Civil Rights attorneys in the Brown v. Board of Education. Royster said, "Mr. Hill is a living legacy and we want to make certain that we give him our thanks, while we can. We've also invited some of the former students of Moton High School and the Ralph Bunche Alumni to be in attendance for this event." Motivational Speaker/author, Paul Lawrence Vann will give the keynote address followed by a book signing of his most recent publication: "*Living on Higher Ground*" and musical selections will be performed by the talented upcoming singer Miss. A~Leawanna McKissick.

The public is invited to attend this free event to be held at the Central Rappahannock Regional Headquarters Library located at 1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA . Seating is limited, so please reserve yours today by calling the library at: 540.372.1144 or by email: [registration@caagri.org](mailto:registration@caagri.org).

### **About The Center for African American Genealogical Research, Inc. (CAAGRI)**

Founded in 2004, The Center for African American Genealogical Research, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides free genealogical data to the community at no cost. The only organization of its kind, CAAGRI's specialized services provides a location for African Americans to conduct in-depth genealogical research, free computer training, mentoring programs for at risk youth and low-moderate income families and organizes special projects that include historical preservation efforts.

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