

# "A Stone of Hope"

## Bus Tour of Local Black and Civil Rights History

Bring your class (grades 5-12) on a bus tour of historic sites associated with Appleton's historic Black community and the Civil Rights Era. Students will be inspired by the historic stories about Black Civil War veterans, business owners, and community leaders and how they overcame adversity to create their livelihoods in Appleton.

The tour includes challenging conversations about Appleton as a sundown town and helps students consider ways to identify and evaluate primary sources used to uncover marginalized history.



### Students will learn:

Historical methodology such as (1) primary sources, (2) cause and effect, (3) critical thinking skills, and (4) marginalized history.

How Appleton's Black community contributed to major national events and eras such as the American Civil War, Reconstruction, and Civil Rights Era.

How national figures challenged Appleton to become a place of equity and inclusion, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Angela Davis.

Why Black individuals and families moved to Appleton before 1900 and how the Artis, Cleggett, Elmore, and Holmes families contributed to Appleton.

How Appleton became a sundown town with businesses and police openly supporting segregation and institutional racism.



### Sites Include (in order):

Elmore Barbershop, ca. 1895  
Historic Black Businesses

Cleggett Family Home, ca. 1895  
Influential Black Families

Appleton Children's Home, ca. 1900  
Early Job Opportunities /  
Community Leaders

Appleton Junction, ca. 1915  
Jim Crow and Racial Exclusion

First Baptist Church, ca. 1924  
Klu Klux Klan

Conway Hotel, 1941-1964  
Sundown Town and Segregation

Lawrence University, ca. 1972  
Civil Rights Era

Artis Family Home, ca. 1890  
Marginalized History and Civil War



### How to register:

Contact Chief Curator Dustin Mack at [dustin@myhistorymuseum.org](mailto:dustin@myhistorymuseum.org) or 920-735-9370 x112. Inquire for scheduling. Transportation provided by school. Tour is 1.5 hours. \$3.50 / student; chaperones and teachers free. Content altered to fit grade level.



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