



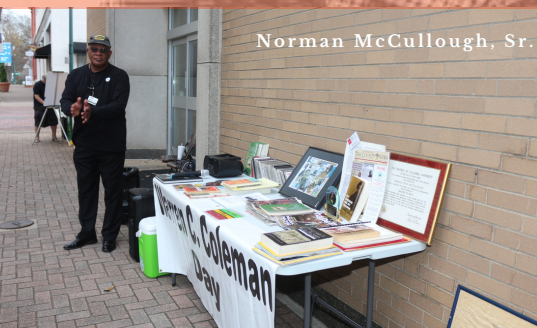
Celebrating Warren C. Coleman Day Concord, North Carolina



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Norman McCullough, Sr.



Darnelle McCullough



VISITORS & VENDORS

KAA-MaCC was one of the vendors that celebrated the life of a pioneering African-American businessman in Concord, NC. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our table!

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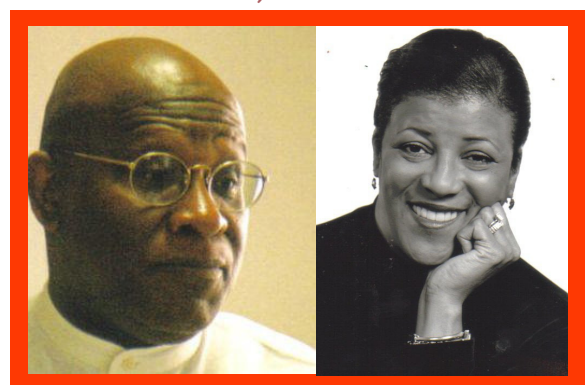


PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

by Jacqueline L. Anthony

A very profound article in the Independent Tribune (on February 9, 2018) excited me when I read that Norman McCullough, Sr. believed that "... we need to do everything we can to preserve our history." Being a man of his word, Mr. McCullough and his wife, Darnelle facilitated the First Annual Celebration of Warren Clay Coleman Day in Concord, North Carolina on Saturday, February 24, 2018. This couple is on their way to preserve our history in Cabarrus County. This first-ever event was, as noted by Cherese Spand, "It was a great success!!" Stay tuned for Warren C. Coleman Day in 2019.

The McCulloughs: Norman, Sr. & Darnelle



GETTING TO KNOW WARREN CLAY COLEMAN

*A Pioneering African-American
Businessman in Concord, NC*

Warren Clay Coleman was a man born into slavery who later became one of the richest African-Americans in the South at the turn of the 20th Century.

Before there was Reginald Lewis, Madam C. J. Walker, Robert Johnson, or Oprah Winfrey, there was Warren Clay Coleman. Mr. Coleman was born on March 28, 1849 and died on March 21, 1904. His funeral was held at Price A.M.E. Zion Church on April 4, 1904.

Mr. Coleman married on December 30, 1873 to Jane E. Jones.

During his lifetime, Mr. Coleman gave money to Rock Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church and many others. He also gave money to many Black colleges.

At the early age of 39, Mr. Coleman was elected President of the North Carolina Industrial Association for the Improvement of Black People.

Sometime in 1895, Mr. Coleman and 19 other members decided to build Price A.M.E. Zion Church on Spring Street in Concord. According to one source, "Coleman was largely instrumental in building the Price A.M.E. Zion Church. Another source indicated, "He was the chief financial support in erecting Price."

Sometime in 1896, Mr. Coleman informs Washington Duke that he plans to build a cotton mill to employ African-American men and others. It was the only cotton mill owned by Blacks in America. He employed close to 300 men.

Mr. Coleman, during the course of his life, purchased nearly 100 homes in the Logan Community.

Gleaned from J.K. Rouse, The Noble Experiment, 1972 and Promoter of the Black Cotton Mill by Marvin Krieger, 1969



PRESERVING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN CABARRUS COUNTY

by Dr. Ruby L. Anthony-White

The Kannapolis African-American Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. (KAA-MaCC) was born out of the Founder and Board Chairman, Dr. Ruby L. Anthony-White's desire to capture and preserve the local history of AFRICAN-AMERICAN schools which closed when school desegregation became the law of the land. However, this pursuit was expanded to capture the history of individuals, people, places and organizations who worked so hard and diligently to shape our local Black history involving education, employment, religion, culture and arts, entertainment, businesses, and professions.

As a 501(c)(3) exempt organization, KAA-MaCC's ultimate goal is "continuing the quest for history untold" about AFRICAN-AMERICANS in Cabarrus and southern Rowan County as well as towns nearby. The organization has plans to partner with the City of Kannapolis to build a museum and cultural center to collect and preserve the local history of African-Americans. The cultural center will endeavor to provide high-quality cultural events for all people, young and old.

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The great, great, great, great nephew of Warren C. Coleman, Taraq Rodney Smith & Family

SAVE the DATE:

◉ Saturday, October 6, 2018 ◉

**KAA-MaCC 5th Anniversary
& Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**