



Roots Run Deep

African American History Tours in the Shenandoah Valley

Staunton, Virginia

An African American History Tour

So much of our African American History has been lost. The Federal Government's Urban Renewal Project of the 1960s gave billions of dollars to cities to tear down blighted areas and replace them with affordable housing. Entire communities were demolished in the name of change, but the burden fell disproportionately on African Americans. Businesses were unable to recover, and doors were closed for good. Other groups have been creating African American history maps to tell these stories which are so important. Our tour reflects the community prior to its' destruction during Urban Renewal.

This brochure has addresses and latitude and longitude notations. Our map shows the general area the sites listed in the booklet are located. Go to our website, www.rootsrundeep.org, for additional information. Traipse is a free-todownload smartphone application with digital versions of all Roots Run Deep Tours.



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- 1. Fair View Cemetery, intersection of Lambert and Augusta Streets, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.16400 N, 79.06589 W
- 2. Temple House of Israel Cemetery, 1901 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.16674 N, 79.06024 W
- **3.** Evans Rooming House, 609 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15489 N, 79.07255 W
- 4. Mount Zion Baptist Church, 603 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15480 N, 79.07257 W
- 5. Snack Shop, 507 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15448 N, 79.07279 W
- 6. Elks Hall, 503-505 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15433 N , 79.97282 W
- 7. 1894 Staunton Tribune, 501 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15429 N, 79.07280 W
- 8. Ebenezer Baptist Church, 415 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15417 N, 79.07277 W
- 9. People's Pharmacy, 412 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401, 38.15365 N, 79.07337 W
- 10. Augusta Street United Methodist Church, 325 North Augusta St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15328 N, 79.07282 W
- 11. Staunton Restaurant, Corporation, 21 Court House Alley (Barristers Row), Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14916 N, 79.07189 W
- 12. Augusta County Court House, 1 E Johnson Street, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14879 N, 79.07217 W
- 13. James M Morris Attorney-At-Law, 111 South Augusta St (upstairs), Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14814 N, 79.07212 W

CEDAR GREEN

- 14. Rose and Paige Smith, Near 255 Cedar Green Road, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14848 N, 79.12735 W
- **15.** Augusta Training School 1928-1966, 347 Cedar Green Road, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14716N, 79.13135 W

MAIN STREET/BEVERLEY STREET

- 16. Queen Miller Orphanage 1910-1955, 2624 West Beverley St (Parkersburg Pike), Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15231 N, 79.10989 W
- 17. Valley Mission, 1513 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15271 N, 79.08913 W
- **18. Thornrose Cemetery,** 1014 West Beverly St, Staunton, VA 24401;38.15044 N, 79.08354 W
- 19. Allen Chapel of the A.M.E. Church, 921 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14939 N, 79.08132 W

- 20. Stonewall Jackson Primary School 1887-1973, 217 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA
- 24401; 38.14948 N, 79.07533 W 21. Bennie's Shoe Store, 119 West Beverley St,
- Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14950 N, 79.07445 W BLOCK BETWEEN NEW STREET AND MARKET STREET
- **22. Dr. C.J.Waller Physician**, 108 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14924 N, 79.07392 W
- **23. Dr. Oscar W. Marshall Dentist**, 112 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401, 38.14924 N, 79.07394 W
- **24. S.M. Wilkes & Co.**, 114-116-118 West Main St. Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14911 N, 79.07408 W
- 25. Masonic Temple, 13 West Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14967N, 79.07312 W FREDERICK STREET
- 26. The Peoples Dime Savings Bank and Trust Association, Inc, 19 East Frederick St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15070 N, 79.07225 W
- 27. Crawford's Barber Shop, 17 East Frederick St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15064 N, 79.07226 W
- **28. J.H. Gibson**, 10 East Frederick St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15040 N, 79.07248 W
- 29. 9 East Frederick St, 9 East Frederick St, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15073 N, 79.07239 W Dr. John Chiles Odd Fellow Hall Ideal Beauty Salon
- **30.** Free School for Colored Children No. 2, Central Ave & East Frederick Streets, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15044 N, 79.07383 W CENTRAL AVENUE
- 31. McKinley Bryant tinner & Jefferson Bryant - blacksmith, 307 North Central Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15453 N,
- 79.07368 W 32. James Smith Grocery, 306 North Central Ave., Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15458 N, 79.07408 W
- **33. Johnson's Restaurant**, 301 North Central Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15446 N, 79.07369 W

SUNNYSIDE STREET

34. Sunnyside Theatre, Corner of Baptist & Sunnyside, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.15569 N, 79.07174 W

CEMETERIES

- **35. Spring Hill Negro Cemetery**, Near 4637 Spring Hill Rd, Mount Solon, VA 22843; 38.27244 N, 79.04793 W
- **36.** Cochran Slave Cemetery, TBD
- **37.** Dutch Hollow Slave Cemetery, TBD
- **38 Beverly Manor Negro Cemetery**, 436 Jefferson Hwy, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.12059 N, 79.02224 W

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- **39.** Cedar Green Negro Cemetery, 328 Cedar Green Road, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14676 N, 79.13112 W
- 40. Hunter Cemetery at Shady Oak Station, 971-1019 Parkersburg Tpke, Swoope, VA 24479; 38.15518 N, 9.15037 W
- 41. Greenville Cemetery (Mount Ead Cemetery), 4033 Lee Jackson Highway (Rt 11), Greenville, VA 24440; 38.00693 N, 79.15533 W

ADDITIONAL SITES OF INTEREST

- **42. Booker T. Washington High School 1936 - 1966**, 1114 West Johnson Street, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14803 N, 79.08078 W
- **43. Cook's Grocery**, 1005 West Johnson Street, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14803 N, 79.08078 W
- 44. Vickers Way, off Cochran Street, Staunton, VA 24401; 38.14724 N, 79.07947 W

The SVBHP appreciates feedback on improving this tour and any missed sites. The goal of these tours is to document the history and not to erase or rewrite narratives. Any site not included in the initial tour will be considered, researched, and added to the website.

Before beginning, please remember that many sites are no longer standing or are on private land. We ask that all areas be respected, and all state and local trespassing rules be obeyed.

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Physical copies of the Roots Run Deep tours can be found at these locations:

- SVBHP Heritage Center, 425 Hill St, Harrisonburg, VA 22802
- Booker T Washington Museum and Library; 1114 West Johnson Street, Staunton, VA 24401