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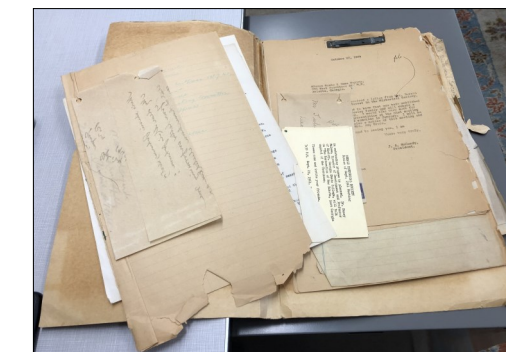
By Jennifer Blomqvist, Archivist and Volunteer Coordinator

I read an article recently on the Atlas Obscura website about a “Friends of” group that helps to protect and preserve medieval churches in Britain. They’re called the “Friends of Friendless Churches” group. The group was founded in 1957, and ever since, they have been raising money to restore roofs and other things related to dilapidated churches.

The DeKalb History Center was founded in 1947 as the DeKalb Historical Society (and is also dedicated to protecting and preserving) and our “Friends” have been helping us with everything from raising money, to working with visitors, to painting the walls, ever since. Most recently, our Friends helped us raise over \$20,000 for the end-of-

-year fundraising campaign. We were able to purchase much needed shelving and supplies for our archives, as well as new shades for several of our archives storage rooms. Thank you all for helping to spread the word and for donating towards our campaign!

Our new shelves and supplies will be used to house a very large collection of materials from the 75 years of the existence of the DeKalb Historical Society, now DeKalb History Center,



DHS archives from 1950.

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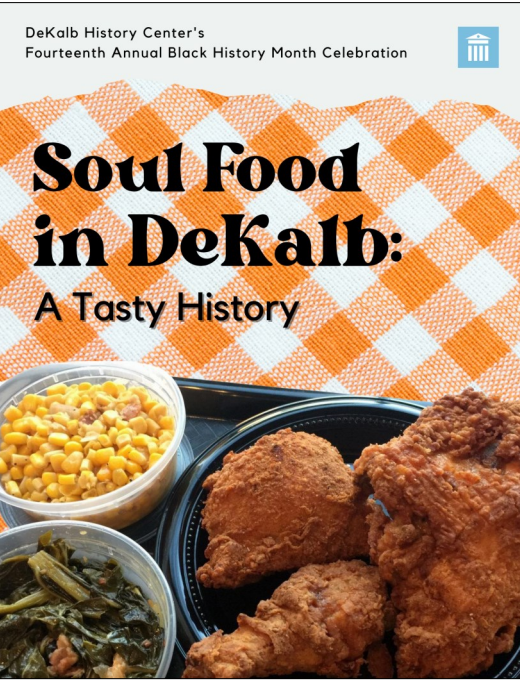
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DHS Stamp from  
Ruth Green Collection, 1947.

including administrative papers and many photos. We hope to have this collection available for viewing by appointment later in 2022. We’re also processing a collection from Dr. Tom Keating related to the Project CLEAN (Citizens, Learners, and Educators Against Neglect) initiative. This collection includes materials that were used in school systems, mostly DeKalb County, to encourage kids and adults to be good stewards of their restrooms and their buildings and to ultimately encourage strong citizenship for all. We hope to have this collection ready for viewing later in 2022 as well. In the meantime, I’ve included some photos to whet your appetite for what’s coming in 2022. We hope you stay well and we hope to see you here! ✦

# Black History Month Celebration



Join us as Adrian Miller, James Beard Award Winner, kicks off the event with a special live Zoom appearance. Next, Chef Asata Reid and culinary historian Akila McConnell give dynamic presentations about the places, people, and recipes that shaped DeKalb’s Soul Food history. Then, enjoy a catered Soul Food meal prepared by Phenomenal Foods by Chef Holly and participate in an informative panel discussion. After this presentation, you will approach your next Soul Food meal with a newfound reverence and perspective.

**Thursday, February 10**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
Historic DeKalb Courthouse  
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Tickets are \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members, and both include lunch. Virtual option available for \$5 (members) and \$10 (non-members). Order online at [www.dekalbhistory.org](http://www.dekalbhistory.org). See website for COVID updates.

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| <b>FEB 3</b>  | <b>Evening Courthouse Tour</b><br><br>6:00 –7:00 pm<br><br>Historic DeKalb Courthouse, Lobby<br><br>Join us for an hour-long tour as we share the history, architecture, and charm of this magnificent structure.<br><br>\$5 for Members / \$10 for Non-members  |
| <b>FEB 10</b> | <b>14th Annual Black History Month Celebration</b><br><br>*Event information located on page 2*  |
| <b>MAR 8</b>  | <b>Decatur Architecture Tour (with the Atlanta Preservation Center)</b><br><br>12:00-1:30 pm<br><br>Take a tour and explore the dynamic floor plans, house types, and architectural styles of some of Decatur’s historic gems and hidden treasures spanning 1830 to 1965.<br><br>Tickets will be posted closer to the tour date. |

*\*We ask that visitors wear a mask (when not actively eating or drinking) and social distance while inside the building.*

**For more information on these events and how to attend, please visit**  
**[dekalbhistory.org/programs](https://dekalbhistory.org/programs).**

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