

Black Land Loss Narrative Archive Project Launches National Effort to Preserve Untold Stories

Founded by Lead Attorney who secured the historic return of Bruce's Beach, the project calls on families and communities to share stories

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The Black Land Loss Narrative Archive Project (BLLNAP) [has launched a](#)

[groundbreaking national initiative](#) to collect and preserve the overlooked stories of Black land dispossession in America. The project is led by George Fatheree, the attorney best known for

securing the historic return of Bruce's Beach to the descendants of the Bruce family, which marked the first time in U.S. history the government returned property to a Black family. Over the next five years, BLLNAP will gather more than 1,000 firsthand accounts, creating a comprehensive digital resource to expose systemic injustices that stripped Black families of millions of acres of land, homes, and businesses.

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The archive will serve as a vital resource for scholars, historians, educators, journalists, content creators, policymakers, and advocates. [By amplifying personal narratives](#), BLLNAP seeks to shed light on the devastating impact of discriminatory policies, predatory legal practices, and economic exploitation that fueled Black land loss.

These injustices have widened the racial wealth gap and denied generations of Black families access to financial security, opportunity, and self-sufficiency.

BLLNAP is modeled after the Shoah Foundation archive of Holocaust testimonies, drawing inspiration from the power of personal accounts to drive awareness and action. Like Bruce's Beach, many untold stories can reshape public understanding and spark momentum for restitution, reparations, and equitable policy reform.

The project is led by a distinguished team:

- George Fatheree, Founder, known for landmark reparations work including Bruce's Beach and the Ebony and Jet photography archives.
- Gerald Rawles, Executive Director, a veteran film and television creative overseeing the collection and preservation of narratives.
- Dr. Nii-Quartelai Quartey, Journalist-in-Residence, KBLA Talk Radio Host, White House Correspondent, bestselling author, and University Liaison—is a nationally recognized journalist and educator acclaimed for illuminating untold stories at the intersection of democracy, human rights, and social change.
- Dr. Allyson Hobbs, serves as advisory board chair. She is an acclaimed historian and Stanford professor whose work explores race and identity in American history.

Call for community participation

BLLNAP is now seeking contributions from families, individuals, and communities across the country who have experienced Black land loss. Submissions will be preserved in the archive to ensure these stories are not forgotten and to honor the resilience of those impacted.

"Stories of Black land loss are not just about acres and deeds. They are about families, freedom, and futures cut short. Preserving these voices ensures the truth is not buried and helps ignite the imagination for what repair and justice can look like," said Dr. Nii-Quartelai Quartey, BLLNAP Journalist-in-Residence.

Individuals with stories of Black land loss are encouraged to submit them [through BLLNAP's official website: blacklandloss.org](https://blacklandloss.org)

Civic organizations, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and community leaders are also invited to partner in this historic effort to safeguard legacies and drive collective action.

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including The Ford Foundation, The California Wellness Foundation, The Weingart Foundation, The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, and The MacArthur Foundation. Their partnership affirms the importance of this mission and strengthens BLLNAP's ability to preserve and uplift these vital stories for generations to come.

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