

Dear Friend of the **National Liberty Memorial**,

We are the direct descendants of Sgt. Isaac Brown, Absalom Martin, Henry Bakeman, and Venture Smith -- black soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War. Every day our lives are enriched by that special knowledge. More descendants are coming forward every year to claim their heritage.

You already know the exciting news. The U.S. Senate and House committees are ready to hold hearings after the August recess on the bills introduced by Senator Chris Dodd (S. 1051) and Representative Donald M. Payne (H.R. 1693). The entire Congressional Black Caucus has cosponsored H.R. 1693.

Thank you for what you have done to make this possible. There is much more to be done.

**We are seeking your help with a small donation to meet a critical deadline.**

We are pleased to invite you to take part in an important step in the official birth of **National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.**, the nonprofit organization that Congress will soon authorize to build the memorial to the thousands of black soldiers and patriots of the Revolutionary War on the National Mall.

**We are offering you the honor of standing as a godparent to Liberty Fund D.C.**

Incorporated in Washington, D.C. in May 2005, the Liberty Fund D.C. ([www.libertyfunddc.org](http://www.libertyfunddc.org)), now seeks recognition by the Internal Revenue Service as qualified to accept tax deductible contributions. The IRS's approval is an integral part of the organization's birth.

**There is a small \$750 filing fee that must accompany the application.**

A half dozen lawyers at one of the nation's most outstanding law firms have donated scores of hours in specialized areas. Now, the tax lawyers are prepared to file the IRS application. This request for 501(c)(3) recognition must be filed before the end of August so that donations made today may be deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The IRS's approval will empower Liberty Fund D.C. to launch the national fundraising campaign at an appropriate time after Congress passes the authorizing legislation.

**We want all of you to have the chance to donate a portion of the small \$750 fee.**

For example, with a donation of \$50, you'll be the statistical equivalent of one of just 15 godparents of the Liberty Fund D.C. We welcome donations in any amounts and an abundance of godparents.

In a few months, the site at Constitution Gardens between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument will belong to our ancestors and the spiritual ancestors of our democracy -- symbols of the struggle for liberty.

We are proud that Dr. Marion Lane represented all descendants in Washington when she joined Maurice Barboza in June 2006 to urge the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission to endorse the site to Congress. With school children from Charles City County, Virginia, who are fellow descendants of Sgt. Isaac Brown, she saw what this memorial could do to inspire citizens of every race and color.

**Please respond to this e-mail.** Tell us that you have put your contribution in the mail.

We need all contributions by **August 15, 2007**, to meet the IRS deadline.

**Please make your check payable to --**

**Liberty Fund D.C.**  
**P.O. Box 19332**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22320**

Sincerely,

**Marion Lane, Ed.D**, descendant of **Sgt. Isaac Brown**

**Maria Coles**, descendant of **Absalom Martin**

**JoAnne Bakeman**, descendant of **Henry Bakeman**

**Florence Warmsley**, descendant of **Venture Smith**