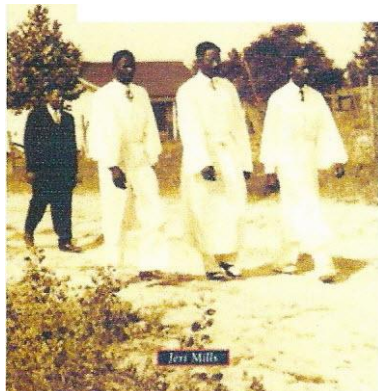


Book Signing with Author, Jeri Mills

The Stone Fort Museum at Stephen F. Austin State University will host a book signing and reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24 for author, Jeri Mills to celebrate the release of her book, African Americans in Nacogdoches County.



A retired educator and contributing writer for The Daily Sentinel, Mills will share images from her book and describe process of collecting community history. Copies of her book will be available for purchase in the Museum Store for \$21.99 each.



After the Civil War and the end of slavery, African Americans all over the United States faced the challenge of survival while attempting to repurpose their lives. Through the images in this book, readers will get a glimpse of the unique culture that developed in the small African American communities in Nacogdoches County. Sections highlight occupations, religion, education, social opportunities and prominent families during the growth of African American society. Part of "The Images of America" series, the book uses archival photos to explore the distinctive local history of our area, striving to make history available and accessible.

Author Jeri Mills attended Texas College in Tyler, Texas and received her bachelor of science degree from Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas, and master's degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. An active researcher and writer on African American history, her works have been published in local schools, state, and national publications.

The Stone Fort Museum is a regional history museum located on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Museum exhibits interpret the natural and cultural history of the region. The current exhibit, "Misery & Remedy: the Rise and Eradication of Epidemic Diseases in East Texas," will be open through December 2015.

For more information or museum hours, call (936) 468-2408, email stonefort@sfasu.edu or visit www.sfasu.edu/stonefort.