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## **Bergen Superior Court to Host Black History Seminar**

The Bergen County Superior Court will host a presentation entitled “Gethsemane Cemetery: A Window to the Footprints of African Americans in Mid-19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bergen County” on Tues., Feb. 21 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Jury Room 404 of the Bergen County Justice Center at 10 Main St., Hackensack. The presentation will be given by Arnold Brown of the Bergen County Historical Society in honor of Black History Month.

“We are delighted to have Mr. Brown joining us and look forward to learning more about this historic cemetery,” said Bergen County Assignment Judge Sybil R. Moses.

Located in nearby Little Ferry, Gethsemane Cemetery was founded in 1860. The cemetery played a central role in New Jersey’s early civil rights legislation. Its historical value is compounded by the evidence of West African burial customs that have been found there.

The presentation is part of a series of “Lunch and Learn” seminars organized by the Bergen County Superior Court Volunteer Office. Open to jurors, court staff and visitors, the seminars cover a wide range of topics. Upcoming topics include personal safety, stress relief and foreclosure procedures.