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Monmouth Vicinage to Celebrate Black History Month

The Monmouth Vicinage will hold a virtual program to commemorate Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. via Zoom.

The theme of the program is “The Black Family: Honoring Five Generations of the Gould Family from Slavery to the Present.” The program will focus on the Gould family and their ancestor, escaped slave and naval hero William B. Gould. Descendants William B. Gould IV and his son William B. Gould V will display archival photographs and speak about the life and legacy of their family and their ties to Monmouth County. Afficionados of Black American History, the Civil War, or the U.S. Navy are encouraged to attend.

William B. Gould IV is a professor emeritus and was the first Black law professor at Stanford Law School. He served as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board and is the recipient of five honorary doctorates for his contributions to the fields of labor law and labor relations. William B. Gould V is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Southern California and a community relations officer at First 5LA, an agency devoted to programs and services for children.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will give opening remarks and introduce the speakers. Superior Court Judge Mara Zazzali-Hogan, chair of the Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement, will moderate.

The program is sponsored by the vicinage’s EEO/AA Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement.

The program is free and open to the public.

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