

# The origins of the Black Bethlehem project

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Here is the recent presentation on the outstanding Black Bethlehem oral history project that Bethlehem Area Public Library's Rayah Levy made to an audience of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.



We can't know enough about this great project spearheaded by the great Ms. Levy.

## **“Lessons Learned from a Black Bethlehem Project”**



### Stories

- ◆ Hiram Bradley - 1st Negro Family 1860 - Tinsley Geter (Jeter)
- ◆ Bethlehem's 1st African American Police Officer & 2nd woman officer - Vivian Butts
- ◆ Wyoming Lodge 135 - Chartered 1927 - Clyde Bosket - Bethlehem Steel, Wyoming Lodge, Barber Shop
- ◆ Constant Roberts Gates - 1st BASD AA Teacher 1963/64 until 1977
- ◆ Zora M. Felton 1st Graduate of Moravian Women's College
- ◆ The Bethlehem Giants - Jackie Robinson & Dan Newcombe
- ◆ The NAACP Banquet - Ralph Abernathy
- ◆ Dr. J. F. Goodwin Scholarship
- ◆ Color Voters Association (CVA) - 1940s
- ◆ St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church - 1893 received charter - a church built 1903; 2nd Baptist 1919; St Paul Baptist 1925
- ◆ Black men & women of Bethlehem Steel - Clyde Bosket, Robin Stanley, Chappell Floyd
- ◆ Lehigh University 1ST BLK student - Costel Denson '56

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