

## The First Annual Emancipation Proclamation MS Freedom Day Celebration

On March 13, 2013 the Fannie Lou Hamer Civil Rights Museum hosted its First Annual Emancipation Proclamation Mississippi Freedom Day Celebration. This celebration happened as the result of the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment that, "finally," banned slavery in Mississippi on February 7, 2013.

The ratification came about as the result of the movie, "Lincoln," in which a movie goer's curiosity led him to investigate what had happened after the states had voted on the amendment. He learned that after refusing to enact the Emancipation Proclamation for 130 years, Mississippi finally had it ratified in 1995, officially outlawing slavery, or so it

seemed.

A crucial step was "overlooked", and even though the Emancipation Proclamation was ratified in 1995, it was never official because the final paperwork was never sent to the Office of the Federal Register. Mississippi Senator Delbert Hosemann was contacted and his office fixed the "oversight" and filed the necessary paperwork, which officially abolished slavery in Mississippi on February 7, 2013 at 148 years later.

In commemoration of this historical day the Fannie Lou Hamer Civil Rights Museum has begun, what they believe should be a State wide celebrated holiday. The Director of the Museum is in the process of

contacting the State Representatives in hopes of achieving this goal.

The celebration, held at the Museum, included students, educators, parents and community leaders. The Old Story Teller was invited to the Cultural Arts and Heritage Interpretation Center of the Museum to tell stories centered on the Emancipation Proclamation that were passed down, in her family, from generation to generation.

The stories she told included, The First "Black" President, The Secret of the Two Dollar Bill, and the Willie Lynch Syndrome. Below are pictures of the event.



# The First "Black" President

On January 20, 2009, America finally sees its very first African American President, or did we? Lost in history are actually eight presidents, and among the eight, one was described as "Black." His name was John Hanson, a Moor, and he was the third (lost) president.

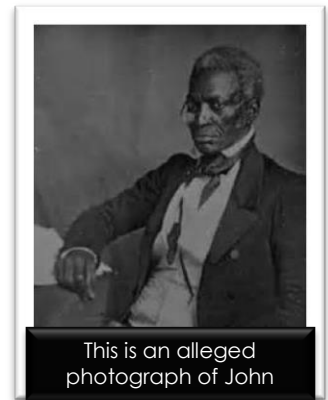
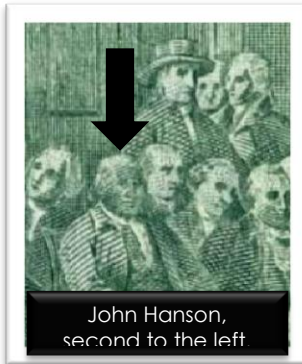
John Hanson was elected president, unanimously by congress in 1781 just after the end of the

Revolutionary War.

He had quite a position to be for filled and he succeeded way beyond his duties by holding the country together when the troops threatened to overthrow the new government, establishing the Great Seal of the United States, the First Treasury Department, the First Secretary of War, the First Affairs Department and he even declared that the

fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day and all this he accomplished in a one year term.

The story of this president was told by the Old Story Tellers grandfather, and recently verified with actual documentation and strenuous hours of research making her tales authentic and rich with history.



## Proof of Hanson on the Two Dollar Bill

Currency has always been a big part of America but could one particular Bill be a significant part of history that is rarely known. The first Two Dollar Bill was printed in 1862 and in its 151 year span it is most likely the most altered bill in history. Upon the first printing it featured Alexander Hamilton on the front side and after being formally scrubbed in 1966 it was

brought back in 1976 depicting "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence," on the reverse side and two more series came out afterwards, the final bill depiction being altered in 2003 and we are still using it today. If you were to study the back of the Two Dollar Bill today, you can make out, who is said to be, John Hanson, a Black Moor, sitting at a

table with his arm slightly raised. This is before his one year term as president of course and he was said to be a Legislator before his presidential term. View the zoomed photo above with John Hanson in plain sight and determine for yourself the facts.

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## A Special Thanks

The Fannie Lou Hamer Civil Rights Museum would like to give a special thanks to Thomas Christian Academy for bringing a group of their students to view the Museum and participate in the

celebration of Mississippi's Freedom Day. We would also like to congratulate the graduating class of 2013 from Thomas Christian Academy of Yazoo City, MS.

Thank you also to the students that participated that were from Ida Green, Humphrey's Junior High and High School and their parents.



And a special Thank You goes out to The Old Story Teller from Luticia Sutton of Thomas Christian Academy.

