



Castle Street Collective
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ENTERPRISE ON CASTLE: BLACK BUSINESS HERITAGE ON CASTLE STREET

This community-led project reclaims the stories of Black families who built a thriving home-based economy on Castle Street after Emancipation—before the Wilmington Coup of 1898 pushed their legacy out of view.

By pairing archival research with descendant oral histories, we’re creating a heritage trail, interpretive signage, and a digital archive—grounded in truth-telling and community voice.

With community support and grants, the Collective hoping to bring this vision to life!

PROJECT GOALS

- 1 Engage descendants and community members.
- 2 Document pre-1898 Black households and home-based businesses.
- 3 Create a public heritage trail with interpretive signage.
- 4 Install “ghost footprints” or art marking former wash houses sheds, and porches.
- 5 Build a digital map and research archive.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

ATTEND THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS! OR VOLUNTEER!

- 1 Tuesday, June 2 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, June 5 @ Noon | How do people want to be involved?
- 2 Monday, June 8 @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, June 12 @ Noon | What is Castle Street to you?
- 3 Tuesday, June 16* @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, June 19 @ Noon | What do you want this to DO for the community
- 4 Monday, June 22** @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, June 25 @ Noon | Who is this for—and who is it NOT for?
- 5 Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, July 17 @ Noon | How should this feel?
- 6 Tuesday, July 21 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, July 24 @ Noon | What are people worried about??
- 7 Monday, July 28 @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, July 31 @ Noon | How should this help people who live here?
- 8 Tuesday, August 3 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, August 6 @ Noon | Who needs to be visible in this?
- 9 Tuesday, August 11 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, August 14*** @ Noon | How should this show up in the world?
- 10 Monday, August 17 @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, August 20 @ Noon | What words feel right?

- **A** 5:00 pm time meetings will be at Glimmers Recreational Therapy (unless noted otherwise)
- **B** Noon time meetings will be at The Roasted Bookery (unless noted otherwise)
- *June 16th @ TBD Location
- **June 22nd @ 5:00 pm at Home Plate Provisions
- ***TBD @ TBD Location



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SESSION



PROJECT
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ENTERPRISE SITE

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