



NORTH CAROLINA  
**FREEDOM  
PARK**

# SELF-GUIDED TOUR

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**James E. Shepard**

1875-1947

President North Carolina  
College for Negroes

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**Maya Angelou**

1928-2014

Poet, performer, professor

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**David Walker**

1796-1830

Author, abolitionist

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**Anna Julia Cooper**

1858-1964

Scholar, educator and  
advocate for women's rights

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**John Hope Franklin**

1915-2009

Historian

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**John W. Pratt**

Soldier U.S. Colored Troops.

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**Abraham Galloway**

1837-1870

Slave, soldier, state senator

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**Harriet Jacobs**

1813-1897

Author and refugee from  
slavery

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**Julius Chambers**

1936-2013

Director N.A.A.C.P. Legal  
Defense Fund

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**Pauli Murray**

1910-1985

Attorney, Episcopal priest

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**Lyda Moore Merrick**

1890-1987

Editor, advocate for the blind

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**Golden A. Frinks**

1920-2004

Civil Rights leader

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**George Floyd**

1973-2020

Fayetteville, NC native

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**Reverend James  
Walker Hood**

1831-1918

Pastor, educator, leader

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**Charlotte Hawkins  
Brown**

1883-1961

Founder Palmer Memorial  
Institute

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**John H. Wheeler**

1908-1978

President Mechanics & Farm-  
ers Bank

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**Ella Baker**

1903-1986

Civil Rights leader

# MATCH THE QUOTES!

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"The goal is a public art tribute to freedom as expressed through the African American Experience. It will be called [North Carolina Freedom Park] and will be located in the heart of the state capital as a continuing reminder of the struggles for freedom – and how much more we need to do to achieve equity and justice in our society."

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"I can't breathe!"

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"Now, Americans! I ask you candidly, was your suffering under Great Britain, one hundredth part as cruel and tyrannical as you have rendered ours under you?"

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"When they told me my new born babe was a girl, my heart was heavier than it had ever been before. Slavery is terrible for men; but it is far more terrible for women."

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"The colored woman of to-day occupies, one may say, a unique position.... She is confronted by both a woman question and a race problem."

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"At the appearance of our troops the people gathered. I noticed an old man and woman singing and giving God the praise to see this day! They thanked God that the day had come when they were not to be driven to market to be sold as sheep. The children shouted and clasped their hands. I was indeed speechless."

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"You might as well talk of the safety of a flock of sheep with a pack of hungry wolves....as to take the ballot from the colored man.... We expect to maintain the right of suffrage, at whatever cost."

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"That audacious belief of our people - that in most ordinary men and women there reside the most extraordinary possibilities, and that, if we keep the doors of opportunity open to them, they will amaze us with their achievements."

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"My philosophy is that position or place can never segregate mind or soul. I sit in the Jim Crow car, but my mind keeps company with the kings and queens I have known."

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"On my way here I got gunned down in Georgia, I was bombed in Sunday school in Alabama, we were shot in the back in Mississippi, I came across the bridge beaten and bleeding.... I came by the funeral of Martin Luther King, the body of Malcolm X.... I came by tent cities for poor people..... But more important, I AM STILL COMING."

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"The battle for freedom begins every morning."

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"I am looking for the rising generation. .... there must be a deep foundation laid for the coming generation."

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"It has taken me almost a lifetime to discover that true emancipation lies in the acceptance of the whole past, in deriving my strength from all my roots, in facing up to the degradation as well as the dignity of my ancestors."

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"Remember, we are not fighting for the freedom of the Negro alone, but for the freedom of the human spirit, a larger freedom that encompasses all mankind."

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"We have to defend what we have gained. We can try to isolate ourselves from those less fortunate, but there will always be something holding us back until all our people are given their full rights."

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"My father passed the torch to me, which I have never let go out."

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"The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom."