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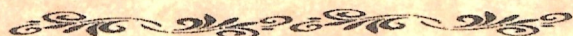
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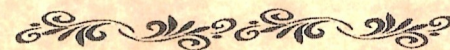
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A Celebration Of Connecticut's Black Governors



Legislative Office Building

October 2, 2003

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

An Exhibit Of

Connecticut's Black Governors

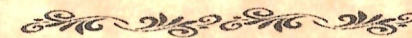
Douglas McCrorey.....	Hercules of New London
Charles Groce.....	London of Hartford
Walter "Doc" Hurley.....	Quaw of Hartford
Riley Johnson, III.....	Neptune (Justice of the Peace)
John Stewart, Jr.....	London of Wethersfield
Roderick Tyler.....	Cuff of Hartford
Peter Roach.....	Boston Trowtrow of Norwich
Eugene Green.....	Samuel Huntington of Norwich
Thomas Smith.....	John Anderson of Hartford
Christopher Hayes.....	Peleg Nott of Hartford
Emerson Drakes.....	Peter Freeman of Farmington
Eric Coleman.....	Will of Litchfield
Larry Charles.....	Boston Nichols of Hartford
Thomas Faniel.....	Deptford Billings of New London
Patrick Tallman.....	Quash Freeman of Derby
James Walker.....	Ira Tossett of Norwich
Joseph Alleyne.....	Tobias of Derby
Eddie Davis.....	Caesar of Durham
Maurice Mosley.....	Juba Weston of Derby
Charles Barrow.....	William Lanson of New Haven
Robert Carrillo, Sr.....	Lyman Homer of Plainville
James Price.....	Roswell Freeman of Derby
Webster Brooks.....	Quash Piere of New Haven
Sedrick Rawlins.....	Thomas Johnson of New Haven
Kenneth Green.....	Eben Tobias of Derby
Ernest Lewis.....	Cuff of Woodbridge
Lewis Randall.....	Nelson Weston of Seymour
Kyle Anderson.....	Wilson Weston of Seymour

Program

Presenting the Colors.....	Governor's Foot Guard
Master of Ceremonies.....	George Springer
Welcome Remarks.....	Barbara M. Alleyne
History of Black Governors.....	Dr. Katherine Harris
Monument Remarks.....	Christopher Hayes—Student
Governor's Foot Guard.....	Color Guard

Procession of Governors

Viewing of Exhibit



Accounts of the Black governors appear mostly in 19th and 20th century sources. White Americans recorded most of the events associated with the elections. The descriptions of the elections of Black Governors as mimicry of their white counterparts in colonial America appeared frequently in local histories.

The research of Connecticut's Black Governors, however, reveals that the elections emerged out of African political traditions. The African enslaved community in the Americas came from African multiethnic kingdoms and states. Though defined as property, the captives were indeed human beings who transferred with them political traditions of Africa and adapted them in the Americas.

