

See Historic Savannah, Georgia

From the Black Perspective

While in Savannah Take
THE NEGRO HERITAGE TRAIL
Thru the Downtown and/or
The Outlying District



The Savannah-Yamacraw Branch,
Association for the Study of Afro-American
Life and History will arrange a tour
upon 24 hour notice.

For information write or call:

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Negro Heritage Trail
514 East Huntingdon Street
Savannah, Georgia 31405
Telephone (912) 234-8000

Savannah's Negro Heritage Trail begins at the docks of the Savannah River, where the first slaves in Georgia entered this port in 1749, and winds its way along the streets of downtown Savannah, as little known history of blacks is told by conductors (guides), a term taken from the Underground Railroad.

The Negro Heritage Trail will take you to -

- ✓ where Haiti's Henri Christophe fought for American Independence.
- ✓ where Negro Baptist began in America.
- ✓ where Sherman promised the newly freed slaves "forty acres and a mule".
- ✓ homes built by "free persons of color" long before Emancipation.
- ✓ where John Wesley Dobbs, grandfather of Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, and Robert S. Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender, attended school.
- ✓ boyhood home of Louis E. Martin, White House special assistant to the President.
- ✓ old cemetery where the first Negro Baptist pastor, the first deacon, black Union and Confederate soldiers, Reconstruction legislators, slaves and free Negroes are buried.

Large groups are ferried about on mini-busses, rented from a black-owned firm, or conductors will travel on foot or in private cars with visiting families or individuals.

There is no charge for the tour (except mini-bus rentals), but the Afro-American Association will accept donations to further research and restoration of landmark houses and neighborhoods.