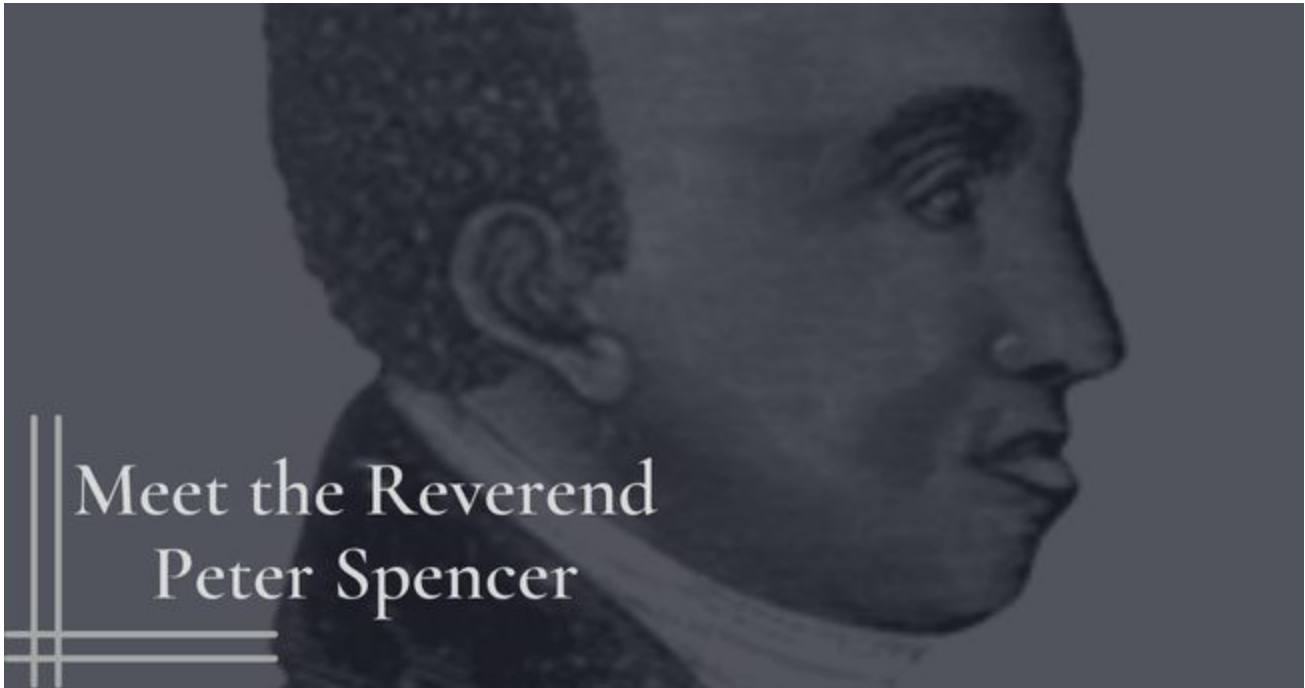


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Saving Delaware History



Meet the Reverend Peter Spencer

Introducing the Division's new, quarterly Black history feature

Learn about the Reverend Peter Spencer, who had a hand in the creation of the path of African American churches and related festivals, in the first of a series of Black history features from our staff.

Know your history



Division releases 2022 annual report

Document explores how the agency is preserving Delaware's historical legacy and reaching out to new visitors, telling different stories and presenting diverse perspectives.

[Read more](#)

Collection close-up: Educator Susan Browne

As a participant in the DuPont Colored School Oral History Project, these personal objects commemorate her education career during the mid-20th century in Kent County.

[Learn the story](#)

Highlighted Event

February's four-part "Struggles for Equality" series at The Old State House highlights important parts of Black history in Delaware, and pioneering African American artists of rhythm and blues, soul, and rock and roll music. Attend a program

News & Updates

Surveying the landscape of the 'Delaware Wedge'

Imperfect land surveys of the 18th century created a tract of disputed land that wasn't federally recognized as Delaware's until 1921. [Explore the Wedge](#)

Division celebrates Black History Month 2023

Celebrate the invaluable contributions that the African American community has made to the culture and history of the United States. [Make history with us](#)

Feedback helps shape the future of Cooch's Bridge

Enhanced public access planned for the site of Delaware's only Revolutionary War battle. [Listen up](#)

[Read additional articles](#)

Preservation

Camden's Goggin House to get \$1 million face-lift

Historic property, dating to the 1700s, would be used as a museum demonstrating Kent County's place along the Underground Railroad. [Find out more](#)

Call for papers: Archaeology and history symposium

Presentations to highlight archaeological or historical research, or related topics for the State of Delaware. Deadline: March 10, 2023 [Find out more](#)

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week

March 6–8, 2023 gathering promotes sound federal preservation policy and programs. [Get involved](#)

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Media Roundup

Hockessin Colored School opens as historic site

School educated Black children during the segregation era. [Step inside](#)

Pathways to expand access to Dickinson Plantation

Trails will connect with those in the St. Jones Reserve. [Take a hike](#)

Maggie S. Myers re-floated; needs your help

Bowers Beach oyster schooner, built c. 1893 and listed in the National Register, sank on Dec. 23, 2022 and was refloated on Dec. 28, 2022. [Come on board](#)

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Activities & Exhibits

Friday, Feb. 10

Zwaanendael Museum's Black history projects

Virtual presentation on the museum's online exhibit "Segregated Sands" and the oral history project "Recapturing Black Beaches."

Friday, Feb. 10

Concert by J.D. Webb

Singer/songwriter performing folk, rock and blues. Presented in partnership with the Delaware Friends of Folk.

Ongoing

A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware

New Castle Court House Museum exhibit explores Delaware's role in the clandestine network that transported American slaves to freedom.

[Go to the full calendar of activities](#)

[Go to the full list of exhibits and displays](#)



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