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***Knoxville's Freedman's Mission Historic Cemetery***  
**A Brown Bag Lecture**

**PROGRAM:** *Knoxville's Freedman's Mission Historic Cemetery*  
a Brown Bag Lecture

**DATE:** Noon, Tuesday, July 22, 2014

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch

(Knoxville, TN) In a Brown Bag Lecture on July 22, a group of Knoxville citizens working to preserve the Freedman's Mission Historic Cemetery, located on the Knoxville College campus, will share the history of the cemetery and tell the stories of some of the fascinating and important people interred there—including the first black doctors in this area, prominent educators, founding families, and two former slaves once owned by President Andrew Johnson. Among the many fascinating stories unveiled is that of former Johnson slave Samuel Johnson and the cane later presented to him by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The cemetery has been referred to by various names through time, such as Knoxville College Cemetery and First United Presbyterian Church Cemetery, and was recently renamed as Freedman's Mission Historic Cemetery. This cemetery is one of several that will be highlighted during a Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial event to be held in Knoxville in the spring of 2015.

The program is sponsored by 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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