



# Unravel the Threads...

## Reveal the Beautiful Tapestry Woven into History

Welcome to the Cherokee County History and Arts Museum! You are about to uncover the rich history and culture of African Americans who have shaped our lives and communities throughout Cherokee County. As you hunt for clues, you will discover unique contributions that can be celebrated throughout the year and most especially during Black History Month. Use this guide in your search and record all the discoveries you find! Complete to win a prize.

### Clue #1

Begin to walk down the main hall;  
to your left and right will be maroon walls.  
Pass a "Central" location, and by it you may zoom,  
but on your right turn into the room.  
As you gaze at the mural adorning the wall  
Two mannequins stand amidst it all.  
Between those two you will find  
Those who fought for freedom during their prime.

How many free black men and former slaves fought on the side of the Patriots to help our country win independence?

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How many African Americans fought on the side of the Americans at the Battle of Cowpens?

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Who was one of the first people to sacrifice his life in the American Revolution?

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### Clue #2

Our journey is now well underway.  
There is so much to find this exciting day!  
Next you will be where you were before.  
No need to follow the arrows on the floor.  
Go back to the place where the walls are red  
Locate a case filled with arrowheads.  
Above the case you shall see  
Artwork intended to make slaves free!

What is the name of this piece of useful art and what is the artist's name?

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What purpose of this piece of art?

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What type of flower is showcased in each panel of the patchwork?

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**Clue #3**

Use the panels as your guide,  
One will stand out and will not hide.  
It will point in the direction you should go  
To find the next African American Hero  
Head in that direction and under a branch pass  
Find the Gallery of Heroes...  
You'll be there in a flash!  
Along the wall to your right and in a frame  
A Black Hero is pictured;  
What is his name?

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In what country is this American hero buried?

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What animal is featured at the top of this hero's picture frame?

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**Clue #4**

Stroll through this gallery and on your way out,  
Learn of the next hero we are giving a shout!  
She is also pictured in a frame,  
How she served others brought her fame.  
She made possible telephone talk,  
So to converse with neighbors no one had to walk!

What is this heroine's name?

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Name one of the telephone companies for which she worked?

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How many years had she worked when she finally retired?

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**Clue #5**

As you exit through the door, look straight out  
If you see a display of vessels there is no doubt  
You are at the right spot;  
You're not cold—you are hot!  
To the right of the vessels in a gilded frame  
Is a family with a specific name.  
Upon their homeplace a factory was built  
Where jugs would pour water when given a tilt.

What is the surname of the family featured in the photograph?

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How many children are pictured?

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Who was the possible photographer of this picture?

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**Clue #6**

You're standing in the hall, so now turn to your left,  
You'll find a place filled with artifacts of the bereft.  
Walk inside with reverence and grace,  
Find a pew and learn of a place  
Where more of our heroes lived and served;  
Honor for them is much deserved.

Who was the founder of Foster Funeral Home?

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Who was called the "Father of the Sunday School?"

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In what church was this hero a leader?

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In what year was the Mulberry School built?

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**Clue #7**

With sadness and loss we will no longer dwell;  
Walk to the place where the sick are made well!  
Where do you turn when you have a bout with the flu?  
Find your local physician; he or she will know what to do.  
Continue your search—do not veer!  
Another hero was once named "Doctor of the Year"

What is the name posted in large block letters here?

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What is the name of one school he attended?

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How many years did this healer serve as a family physician?

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**Clue #8**

Since we are feeling better, and the doc fixed us up  
We off in search of a vehicle that resembles a truck.  
Go back toward the front and soon you will find  
The wagon that never left family behind.  
It's already loaded and packed up for travel;  
Read the words of the placard and let their story unravel

Who built this wagon?

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What was originally used to help the family do?

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How was it used its final time?

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List 3 objects you find interesting inside the wagon.

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**Clue #9**

Off to the right are transportation of another kind  
These are the type that sling dirt and gears grind!  
Though the bird may seem more of the Thanksgiving sort,  
This hero made his mark in a racing sport!  
You can read all about him, but you can also hear his voice.  
Find a placard or a QR code scanner—either is your choice!

What is the name of this fearless driver?

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From which racetrack did he receive his 1986 points trophy?

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What three colors are featured on this driver's racing jacket?

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You've finally finished, and you know what to do  
You don't need a hint, reference, or clue!  
Go back to the center for resources and information;  
Tell them you know how our citizens helped grow our great nation!  
Let them check over your answers to see how you've done,  
but though you are finished, another mission has begun.  
You must tell your friends all you saw and you learned  
And happily share all the knowledge you've earned!