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BAD Episode #4 Rose Martin Palmer, 98: A Living Bridge to Black Atlanta's Past Premieres Mon., July 6, on BAD's YouTube Channel



ATLANTA, GA – During U.S. slavery all free persons of color had to document their freedom with “freedom papers.”

At the home of the subject of [Black Atlanta Documented Episode #4: Rose Martin Palmer, 98: A Living Bridge to Black Atlanta's Past](#) -- premiering **10 a.m. Mon., July 6**, on [the Bad YouTube Channel](#) -- framed freedom papers hang on the wall to remind family and friends of this history, one that BAD aims to preserve in the face of growing efforts to erase it.

The papers -- which had to be regularly registered with the county and carried at all times -- belonged to the late Dr. James Palmer’s forefather, Andrew Dibble in South Carolina.

Rose Palmer is a native Atlantan and the niece of Walter White, leader of the NAACP from 1929 to 1955. Recently featured in a PBS American Experience documentary about his life, “Forgotten Hero,” Palmer grew up on Sunset Avenue in Vine City and her contemporaries included Martin Luther King, Joseph Lowery, Herman Russell and several of Maynard Jackson’s older sisters.

In our interview with Palmer, we learn, firsthand, what life was like just a couple of generations removed from slavery. We hear of the achievements made by those who straddled Jim Crow oppression and “Talented 10th” affluence in Atlanta’s segregated Black community. And we preserve our true history in the face of growing movement to deny and downplay it all.

“Everything was so totally segregated at that time,” Palmer shares in the interview. “... it was the time when the Ku Klux Klan controlled almost everything and there was no real justice.”

For a picture of Andrew Dibble's freedom papers, a photo gallery and links to earlier articles about Palmer, [see the BAD Substack newsletter article about the episode.](#)

Preserving Legacy, One Interview at a Time

The Rose Martin Palmer interview continues Black Atlanta Documented's mission of capturing the firsthand stories of the individuals, businesses, institutions, and neighborhoods that helped shape Black Atlanta.

Through video interviews, photography, social media, and digital storytelling, BAD is creating an accessible archive that preserves memories often overlooked in traditional historical collections. By documenting these voices today, the project ensures future generations can learn directly from the people who experienced and influenced Atlanta's evolution. Each episode serves as a permanent record of community history while highlighting the people whose contributions helped create the city known around the world today.

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