

Danbury Community Oral History Project

In partnership with the Danbury NAACP and Danbury Juneteenth, we invite community members of all ages to take part in a Story Capture / Oral History Event honoring Black history, lived experience, and community legacy in Danbury.

Dates: February 28 and March 7

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (both days)

This is an opportunity for individuals and families to share personal stories, memories, reflections, and experiences—past and present—that help tell the story of Danbury's Black community. Whether your story is about family history, activism, education, work, culture, or everyday life, your voice matters.

All recorded stories will be:

- Preserved as part of Danbury's local history
- Shared publicly on the Danbury Museums YouTube channel
- Featured during Danbury's Juneteenth Celebration in 2026

No prior experience is needed. Facilitators will guide participants through the process in a welcoming and respectful environment within the Marian Anderson Studio.

Registration Information: Advance registration is encouraged to reserve your preferred time slot. Please call the museum at 203-743-5200 or email: b.guertin@danbury-ct.gov.

Consent & Release Information

All participants will be asked to review and sign a Consent and Release Form prior to recording, Please see below.

By participating, you acknowledge and agree that:

- Your interview may be audio- and/or video-recorded
- Your story may be edited for clarity or length without altering its meaning
- Recordings may be used for educational and archival purposes including public presentation on YouTube, museum websites, social media, and Danbury's Juneteenth Celebration in 2026 as well as future community educational opportunities.
- Recordings will be preserved as part of Danbury's historical record

Participation is voluntary, and you may decline to answer any question at any time. Staff will be available to answer questions before recording begins.

Name:

Contact Information or email:

What will we ask?

Participants may answer as many, or as few, questions as they wish.

1. Can you please tell us your name and how you are connected to Danbury?
2. What is one of your earliest memories of growing up or living in Danbury?
3. Who are the people—family members, neighbors, or mentors—who most shaped your life here?
4. How has being part of Danbury's Black community influenced who you are today?
5. Are there places in Danbury that hold special meaning or memories for you?
6. Have you been told of, witnessed, or taken part in moments of change, activism, or community organizing in Danbury?
7. What traditions, celebrations, or cultural practices have been important in your family or community to you and to previous generations?
8. What challenges have you faced, and what strengths or lessons helped you move forward?
9. What does Juneteenth mean to you personally?
10. What message, memory, or hope would you like to share with future generations?

By sharing your story, you help ensure that future generations hear your voice, understand this history, and celebrate the strength and contributions of our community.

Everyone is welcome.

Come be part of Danbury's living history.