

# George Henry Black: Winston-Salem's Own M

African-American



Brick Maker

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Evelyn Terry said most African-American youths will be inspired to work hard if they knew more about their ancestors and their history.

Terry, who works for the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, feels one such African-American that black youths in Winston-Salem need to become familiar with is her grandfather, George Henry Black.

"Our youth need to know who molded and helped build this town," Terry said. "If you really knew the story, you would be in awe. And it would get rid of the lackluster

## *Bricks by African-American Brick Maker are Preserved at Delta Fine Arts Center*

attitude in some of our youths."

Black, a local brick maker was born near Liberty in 1879 and moved to Winston-Salem 10 years later. He and his father, George Marlan Black, walked to Winston-Salem originally to find the

younger Black's brother, Will, and discovered the art of brick making.

Terry said the economy in Winston-Salem "seemed lucrative" and the elder Black went to get the rest of his family.

Black who was 103 when he died in

1982, built hand-made bricks that can be found in many buildings downtown, including the library at Old Salem and the R.J. Reynolds factory at Fifth and Church streets. But the bricks are mostly in private homes — especially prominent in the Buena Vista area of the city, Terry said.

The Mayberry's Ice Cream restaurant, which was located at 117 South

Stratford Road before being demolished and moving to 50 Miller St. last month, was made with Black's bricks. The building's historical bricks, however, were not destroyed in the process.