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## Chronicle staff celebrates 45 years



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The Chronicle celebrated its 45th birthday at Winston-Salem State University's first home game on Sept. 14 at Bowman Gray Stadium. Pictured from left to right are: George Knox, WSSU's Interim Director of Athletics; Alphonso Abbott, photographer for The Chronicle;

Timothy Ramsey, sports editor and religion reporter; Shayna Smith, marketing communications manager; Krystal Young, marketing communications specialist; Paulette Moore, administrative assistant; Bridget Elam, managing editor; Deanna Taylor, office manager; James Taylor Jr.,

publisher and Elwood Robinson, WSSU Chancellor. Chronicle staff members not pictured are: Judie Holcomb-Pack, associate editor; Tevin Stinson, senior reporter; Gregg Penn, graphic designer and Mylas Ross, circulation driver. The Chronicle, established in 1974, has

won numerous state and national awards, including awards for photojournalism, sports reporting and page layout. We are dedicated to preserving the history, heritage and culture of Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## Historic market unveiled honoring city's connection with Liberia

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Dozens of people gathered at the corner of Liberia and Free streets last weekend to witness the unveiling of a historic marker commemorating the immigration of African Americans from Salem (now known as Winston-Salem) to Liberia.

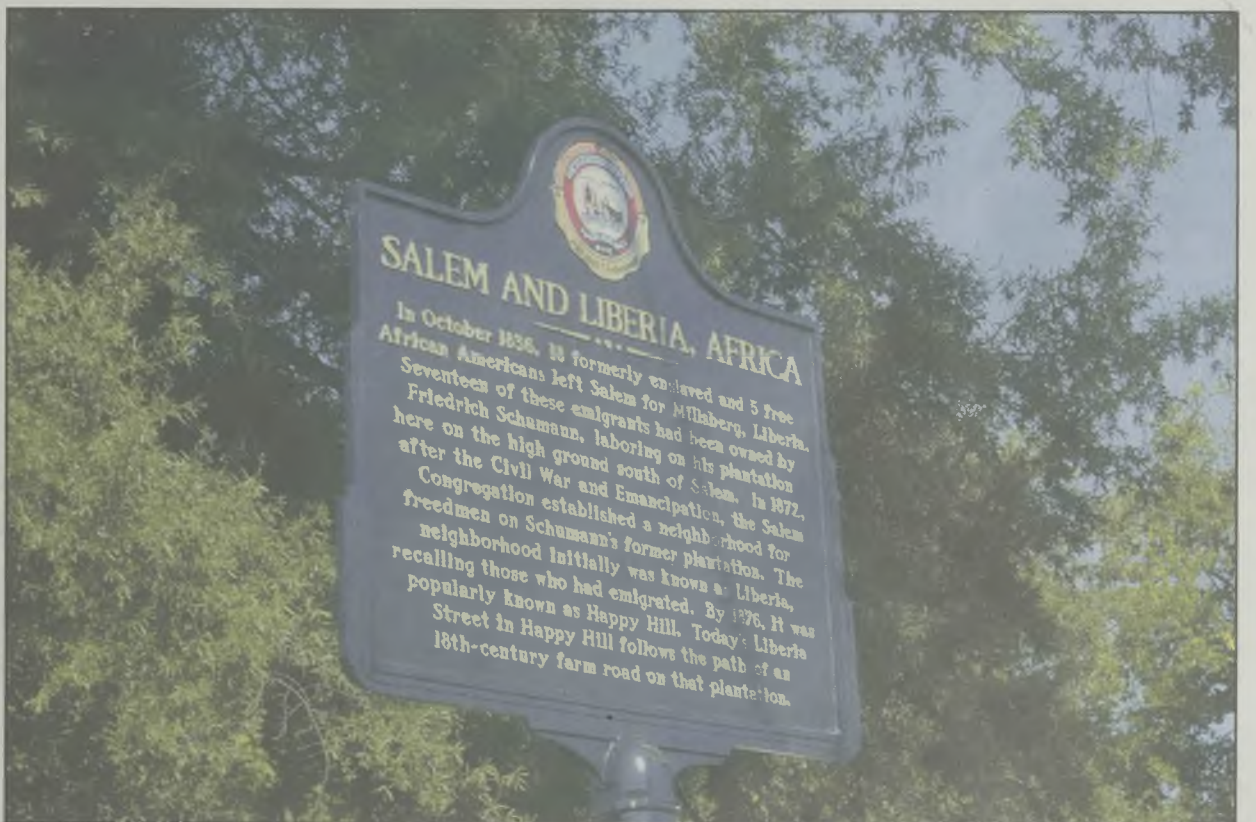
As part of a movement to relocate former enslaved and free African Americans to the continent of Africa, in 1836 23 African Americans were relocated from Salem to Millsberg, Liberia. Seventeen of the slaves who were relocated

were previously owned by Friedrich Schumann, who owned the Schumann Plantation in the southern portion of Salem. After the Civil War, a neighborhood for free African Americans was established on the plantation.

The neighborhood, which was originally known as Liberia, would later become known as Happy Hill.

Before the marker unveiling on Saturday, Sept. 21, local elected officials, representatives of the Liberian government, and the Liberian Organization of the Piedmont spoke about the importance of the historic day and the connection between Salem and Liberia. While addressing the crowd on Saturday morning, Mayor Allen Joines said it is important that we recognize the rich history of our city and those who helped make it what it is today.

"We unveil a lot of plaques in our city, but this is the best one I've been to," Joines continued. "It



Photos by Tevin Stinson

Last weekend a historic marker commemorating the immigration of African Americans from Salem to Liberia was unveiled at the corner of Liberia and Free Streets in the Happy Hill community.

is important that we as a city government continue to work to recognize and memorialize the history.

Today, we unveil this marker so we will be able to continually show people who are descendants and

others what happened in this area." Council member Annette Scippio, who

represents the East Ward where the marker

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