

FINDING GRACE: **Tracing the Roots that Connect Us** **with Genealogist** **ORICE JENKINS**



Saturday, March 9
Presentation: 10 am – Noon
Cover dish lunch/Conversation: Noon – 2 pm

Providence Presbyterian Church/Fellowship Hall
3388 Three Chopt Road, Gum Spring

Free event. Kindly RSVP and send questions to:
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Orice Jenkins is a genealogist, performing artist, educator and author from Hartford, Connecticut. He has traced his ancestry back to 1756 in Central Virginia, uncovering the stories of several formerly enslaved Americans; these ancestors include Grace Shelton Terrell, her son Pleasant Terrell, and many other family members who were enslaved by Joseph and David Shelton, two of the founders of Providence Presbyterian Church. Orice's ancestors likely built Providence, and may have worshiped at the church, too – in the balcony, the only place enslaved people were allowed to sit.

Orice is a member of the Sons and Daughters of the U.S. Middle Passage and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society.

He has appeared on podcasts and radio shows such as *Research at the National Archives & Beyond* and his research has been featured in *The Washington Post* and television shows such as *Finding Your Roots*. Orice has also worked as a consultant for Dr. Matt Baker, the creator of *UsefulCharts.com*, collaborating on genealogy videos that have garnered millions of views on YouTube. Orice also publishes a genealogy blog called *Chesta's Children*.

Orice's newest project is a book chronicling the family of Grandison Goolsby, a prominent farmer who was extrajudicially lynched in Early County, Georgia, in 1915. *The Early County Massacre: Goolsby vs. The State of Georgia* will be released in 2024.